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Many Power Train factory workers buy expensive clothes

I'm calling to make a response to a June 17 article by Stefanie Carano about the Power Train factory. In the article, she said that a young woman wore the nicest clothes in the factory.

I'm very upset with that.

Having worked in the factory, I know that those workers spend money and buy expensive clothes, so the young woman is not the only nicely dressed person who works there.

I'm pretty sure you're going to get some more static about that.

Why did Engler leave Canton \$20,000 to buy a climbing wall?

Obviously Gov. John Engler didn't take away enough money because Canton still has enough money to buy a \$20,000 climbing wall for all six or seven of the township's mountaineers.

A township driver will haul the 24-foot wall from event to event since nobody thinks Canton's climbers can make it to the wall on their own.

Climbing belong at health clubs and mountain sports stores. They shouldn't be taking the place of road repair trucks at government equipment yards.

I nominate this purchase for the Golden Fleece Award.

Why hasn't Westland joined communities in limiting lawn watering?

All the other communities around here have water bans, but not Westland. [The ban includes Westland — Ed.] Why?

The water pressure is low, and yet I see neighbors watering their green lawns. I'd hate to pay their water bills, especially when the rates have shot up so much.

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Mayor ordered to slash police budget

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Special Writer

The Romulus City Council has demanded that newly elected Mayor, Alan Lambert make cuts to the city's police department.

"We're not going to let you protect your guys," said members of council to Lambert. Council claimed that the department was too top heavy with brass, and positions would need to be eliminated.

In order to make cuts in the budget, provide money for the enhancement of the fire department, while at the same time preserving the integrity of the Romulus Police Department, Lambert has proposed an executive level retirement package.

At first rumored were cuts that would demote ranking police officers, an action that would mean a large cut in pay for several. Lambert indicates that it was never proposed that demotions take place.

Unable to talk with the press due to negotiations, officers within the department began utilizing union officials to speak with the Mayor about the budget cuts and what it would mean to the department.

Needing to trim over \$700,000 from the budget, Lambert has offered seven ranking officers in the department a retirement package buyout to avoid making cuts at the bottom.

Four of the positions that will be eliminated are that of Executive Lieutenants. Those officers are currently in charge of administration, investigations, and patrol operations. Additionally, three Sergeants currently in patrol operations will be offered the package.

Two patrol positions not yet filled will be left vacant, and two officers currently on medical leave for over 2 years will be unable to return to work due to illness or injury. Those positions will also be left vacant.

Lambert has indicated that it will not mean a cut in road patrol; in fact that road patrol will increase with the utilization of community policing officers, and one Sergeant from the Detective Bureau.

Touted as a reorganization plan by the Mayor and city council, the plan will eliminate a total of seven ranking

officers, and four patrol officers.

"Many of these men have more than 25 years," said Lambert. "They are ready to retire. We're making it really easy for them to do so."

Chief of Police Charles Kirby has indicated that although some officers may have to buy into the retirement package due to a shortage of available years, it will be a small amount, and could be covered by Deferred Comp, a savings plan available to Romulus Police Officers.

"In 33 years of police service I have seen that change is very hard," said Kirby. He hopes that the package offered to his officers will help alleviate some of the worry.

"They are getting a great retirement package, if they don't want it, they don't have to take it," said Lambert. He also indicated that he believes after

25 years officers are burned out and looking forward to retirement.

Some officers, who wish to remain off the record due to union negotiations, feel that the package is a way to force ranking personnel from the department. In fact, morale has been impaired for some time due to the impending reorganization. They believe that the threat of demotions to lower ranking officers has compelled some very fine supervisors to take a retirement they do not want.

However, one position will be created in the newly organized station, that of Deputy Chief. Sgt. Gerald Champagne will be promoted to fill that position. He will oversee the day-to-day operations of the department.

That new position will be necessary due to the promotion of Kirby as head of the newly created Department

of Public Safety. Kirby indicated there could also be one promotion of one of the Sergeants in the Detective Bureau, although it isn't known at this time who, or to what position.

Kirby said that new positions are posted for officers to make bids on, but that ultimately the chief makes his decision by judgment clause, in other words, who he feels is best suited for the job.

Kirby indicated that road patrol in the department will not be affected by the proposal due to management level eliminations. "We are still going to do community policing, although those officers will also be used in patrol. One Sergeant in the Detective Bureau will be moved to supervise the patrol division," said Kirby.

Two detectives are currently being considered for that move, Detective

Sgt. Jeffrey Keefer, or Detective Sgt. Gordon Malaniak. Known as a lateral transfer from one contractual position to another, Kirby noted that it would not mean a demotion or loss of pay.

"I don't think we're hurting them," said Kirby. Both men currently serve the department investigating reported crimes.

When asked about the loss of officers with Master or Bachelor's degrees in Criminal Investigation and Law Enforcement, Kirby indicated that education is only considered during promotion, not as an issue to curtail retirement or layoff.

Lambert will use the money saved from the reorganization efforts to establish a 24-hour city fire department. Currently the city has 8 full time on call fire fighters. Lambert wants to see an additional eight hired, and a move to a 24-hour, 7 day a week department. "Our paid on call fire fighters have provided a wonderful service, but they need some assistance now," said Lambert.

The city uses CEMS, a private ambulance and medical services company at the present time. CEMS does not charge the city for its services, instead accepting only payment from insurance carriers and the individuals being treated and transported.

Lambert plans to do work only on the existing stations right now, with future plans to build two more. He would like to see one built in the hotel district near the airport. "TIFA money could provide a station in that district," said Lambert.

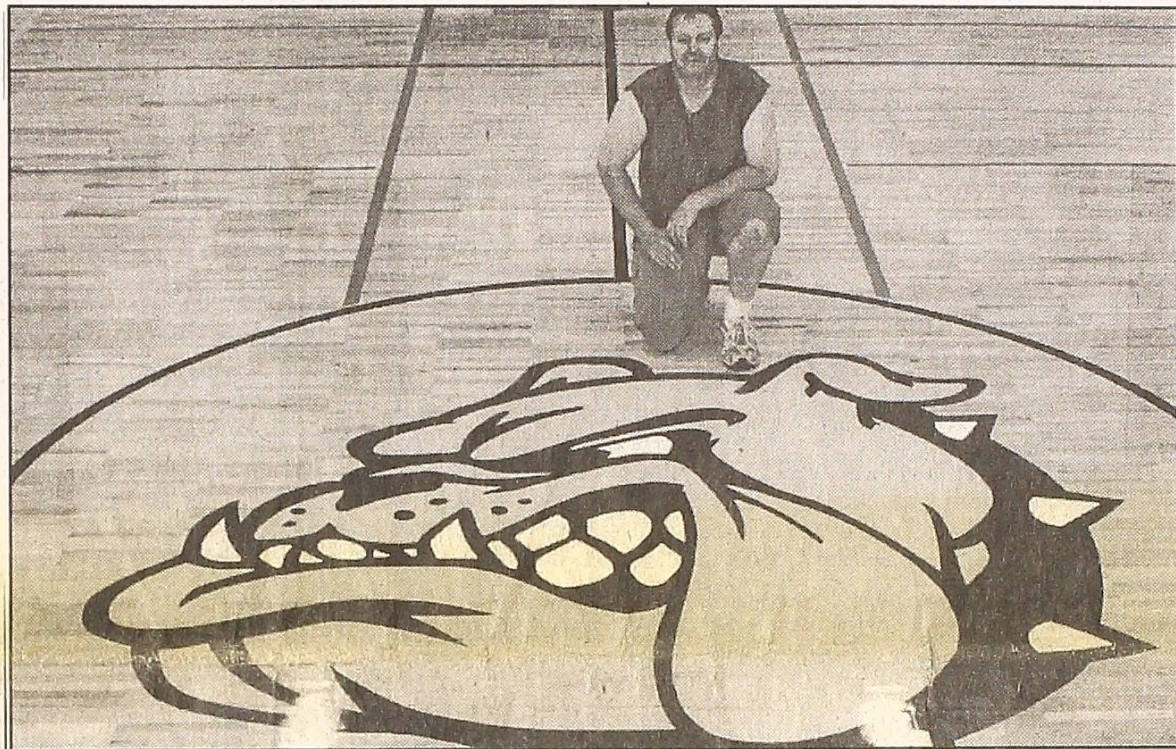
He is also encouraging the existing on call fire fighters to apply for the new positions. The city will require EMT certification on all of them; however they will assist them in getting it.

Lambert wants his officers to know he didn't give them up. As a former Romulus police officer, who was helped in his election bid by several officers in the department, he says he understands and wanted to do his best by them.

"I'm not giving them up," said Lambert. "They are being well taken care of."

Retirements will take effect October 1.

Ferocious Floor!



Middle school head custodian Brian Bedell shows off the new Bull Dog Mascot painted onto the gym floor. The gym also had the floor refinished, and new bleachers installed. The old folding door partition was also replaced with a new drop curtain device that will separate the gym for physical education classes. Last year acoustical panels and brighter lights were added to make the gym an excellent area for concerts, and assemblies as well as athletic events.

Kirby named new Public Safety head

Mayor Alan Lambert, who is seeking to reform the police and fire department in Romulus, has named Police Chief Charles Kirby as Public Safety Director. Under this new title, Kirby will be an administrator to both the police and fire department.

Mayor Lambert's primary goal in the reorganization is to have a full time fire department. The department will double the size of full time fire-fighters they currently have, from 8 to 16. The police will have a new chief but will remain the same size.

In neighboring Van Buren Township, police administrator Christopher Elg was also chosen as the Public Safety Director. Kirby stated that a Public Safety Director is generally someone with a police background because police receive extra certification and training in the police academy and the Director of Public Safety should be someone with the same certification. Otherwise, they would have to send a fire administrator to the academy.

As Public Safety Director, Kirby will attend City Council meetings, representing police and fire on administrative matters. He will be helping the council on purchasing agreements regarding both departments.

"The exciting thing for me is that we're going to have a full time fire department. It's something that appeals to my skills," said Kirby.

Five vie Basham's state rep seat



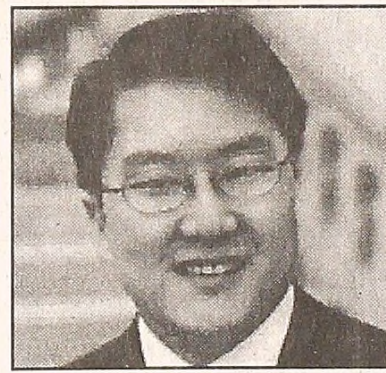
Chris Dolson

CHRIS DOLSON

Residence: Taylor
Education: Eastern Michigan University, Acct. and Government. Wayne State University — Special Education
Occupation: Special Education — Taylor Public Schools
Party Affiliation: Democrat

ISSUES:

Continued fight against deep injection wells in Romulus and other communities. Work to increase state financial support for education. Supports a tax on hotels to add additional funds to Michigan's public schools. Fight for his district's share of state revenue sharing. Support continued road improvements. Would fight to see the MEAP test revamped, giving students across the board an equal opportunity to achieve.



Hoon Yung Hopgood

HOON YUNG HOPGOOD

Residence: Taylor
Education: University of Michigan, BA Political Science. Currently working on Masters.
Occupation: Legislative Assistant to State Rep. Raymond Basham
Party Affiliation: Democrat

ISSUES:

Neighborhood school and education improvements in Taylor and Romulus and throughout the state. Support of issues concerning working families. Committed to ensuring that workers are on level playing field with management. Senior issues, including in home care during illness, long term care programs provided by the state, prescription drug programs to alleviate the necessity to choose between medicine and other necessities. Continuing work on opposition to the deep injection well in Romulus.



Jacklyn Molner

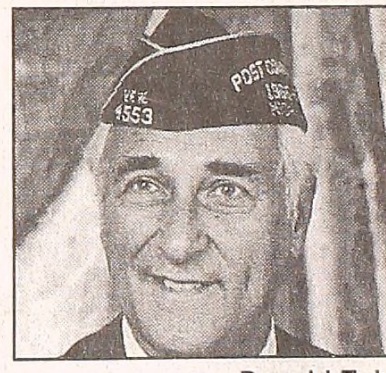
JACKLYN MOLNER

Residence: Taylor
Occupation: City of Taylor Councilwoman since 1997
Party Affiliation: Democrat

ISSUES:

Supports education, including improving special education while supporting its continuation. Will work to reduce the number of students in each classroom. Wants to see public schools staffed with highly-qualified teachers. Proponent of road repair, including maintenance and inspection to ensure the quality is sound. Will seek and support solutions that will relieve traffic congestion. Will fight for new policies to limit the amount of Canadian waste dumped in our state.

Patricia Lentz did not respond to interview requests



Donald Zub

DONALD L. ZUB

Residence: Taylor
Education: Michigan State
Occupation: Retired, former Mayor of Taylor, Former City Councilman, Korean War Veteran, and former Wayne County Commissioner, 8 years.
Party Affiliation: Democrat

ISSUES:

Strong proponent of a ban on partial birth abortions and protection of the unborn. Oppose and would like to ensure continued restrictions on physician assisted suicide. Opposes and would fight against the use of tax funds for abortions. Favors more protection at the borders. Supports programs to initiate an emergency preparedness plan. Favors term limits. Believes lawmakers will need to figure out other ways to raise money for education without taxing residents. Supports privatizing the prison system

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Window on Wayne

O.K. How much do you know about Wayne Memorial High School?

By RICHARD L. STORY
Wayne Historian

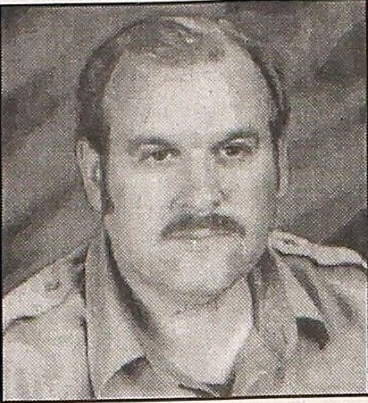
First, what is the school's motto?
Answer: Industry, Intelligence, and Integrity.

Good. Let's take it from there:
In 1926, Wayne High School opened its doors to its first students at the 3712 Williams Street facility on Michigan Avenue. They decided that the "Fighting Zebras" was a suitable nickname. The Zebra was picked because of the animal's mean spirit. They adopted the school colors of Blue and Gold.

Let's jump to the World War II years, like 1942.
The Senior Class that year was the largest graduating class to date with 142 students; the 1942 Senior Class also had the distinction of raising money and donating funds for a resuscitator to the Wayne-Nankin Fire Department.

But, now get this: The Senior Class of 1945 sold magazine subscriptions and made \$30,000, of which \$5,000 was donated to the Red Cross and the rest was used to purchase a Military Airplane that received the name "Flying Zebra". The plane was used as an air ambulance during the war.

In the spring of 1962, Wayne Memorial High School was opened at 3001 Fourth Street at Glenwood, and a new era began. The building was named to honor those from the city who served in World War II from the Wayne Area. The Blue and



Richard L. Story

Gold Fighting Zebras were now part of the Wayne Memorial High School.

The new Wayne Memorial High School was a 134,496 square foot building, constructed at a cost of \$2,867,135. Also there was \$20,000 allocated by the school board for equipment and a federal grant paid for \$906,250 of the total price tag.

Not bad.
The contract for the building was awarded on Jan. 31, 1945, and the building opened in the spring of 1952. An Open House was held on April 19, 1953.

And who were afforded the honor of becoming the first members of the Wayne School Board: The Superintendent of Schools was Mr. Stuart L. Openlander; the Board president, Horace Phillips (1945-1952); secretary, Whitney Ballantine (1947 to 1955); treasurer, George Schumm (1951-1955); and trustees Milford Brown (1943-1954), Kenneth McKay (1952-1953), Norman Stockmeyer (1946-1953), Harris Wilson (1952-1956), Harold Sleicher (1945-1952), Wayne Garlick (1944-1951) and John Snyder (1946-1953).

History and tradition - Wayne schools and the City of Wayne have it all.

Soap Box Derby deadline is extended

The Soap Box Derby, an event that attracts scores of racers in Wayne, is seeking to broaden the field.

To allow more racers into the competition, the Soap Box Derby racing committee announced on Tuesday that it is extending the deadline.

Prospective participants will have until Monday, Aug. 5, to enter the 2002 competitions.

The annual event this year will be staged on Saturday, Aug. 24. If you have a dream of racing

down Second Street in a car you assembled, then you need to file your entry form today.

Applications and a list of rules are available on-line at <www.ci.wayne.mi.us>. Go to the Parks and Recreation page and click on Wheelfest.

Or, drop by the Parks and Recreation offices, at Howe and Annapolis Roads, and pick up an application blank.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Wayne Community Center by dialing 734-722-2002.

Bedell is a glowing 'Diamond'

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Marge Bedell is a shining example of a Wayne resident and volunteer.

She also is the 2002 recipient of a coveted Wayne award.

On Monday, the City of Wayne's Parks and Recreation officials announced that Marge Bedell has been selected as the 8th annual "Diamond of the Community," an award presented to those citizens who exemplify the life-long commitment of seniors to their community by actively being involved in their community.

The award will be presented to Bedell at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, at Goudy Park. The presenter is the Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union, the sponsor of this year's program.



Marge Bedell

The Commission on Aging also would like to remind everyone that nomination forms are available each year in June to nominate the "Diamond of the Community."

Nominees must reside in Wayne, and also must be at least 75 years of age and continue to contribute to their community through volunteer work.

For further information, please contact Nancy at the Wayne Senior Activity Center by dialing 721-7460.

Outside water-use ban is in effect

If you think that the recent torrential rains in Wayne would provide enough water to cancel the city's restriction on the use of water, you're wrong.

City officials said on Tuesday that the mandatory restriction of water for outdoor use will remain in effect until further notice because the re-

cent rains were not sufficient to offset the unusually dry spell southeastern Michigan suffered in early July. Soil remains dry.

Residents and business owners are reminded that they should continue to use water on the odd/even schedule which means that individuals with addresses ending in an odd

number may water outdoors only on odd-numbered calendar days, while those with addresses ending in an even number may water outdoors on even-numbered calendar days.

"We also are urging our water customers to avoid water use during times when overall consumption is at its peak, from 6 a.m. until 9 a.m.

daily," said Robert English, assistant City Manager.

City officials say that the restriction is in response to a request from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Detroit has called for a mandatory outdoor water use for all 126 communities that receive water from the DWSD.

Engagement Announcement

Snider & Jorgensen

Cindy L. Snider and Kirk R. Jorgensen announce their engagement. Cindy is the daughter of Alma J. Snider, of Wayne, and the late Charles L. Snider. Kirk is the son of Richard and Irene Jorgensen of Omaha, Nebraska.

Cindy is a graduate of Anderson University, Indiana, a CPA, has an MBA from the University of Texas in San Antonio and is employed as a CFO at Southwest Business Corporation in San Antonio, Texas.

Kirk is a graduate with a Communications Degree from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. He is a retired US Army Warrant Officer and is employed as a Air Traffic Control Manager with the FAA at the San Antonio International Airport.

The couple is planning an October 26 wedding at the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha with the reception at the Joslyn Art Museum.



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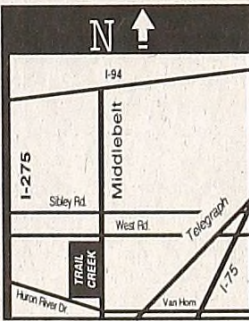
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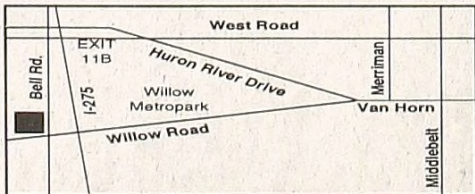
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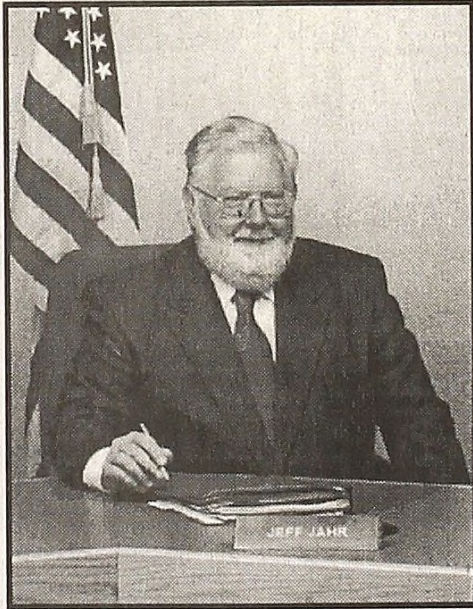
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Citizens oppose precinct move

By STEFANIE CARANO
MCN Staff Writer

With the primary elections on August 6, voters in precinct 3 (which also includes precinct 8) are opposing the new voting location at Romulus Elementary School that was approved by City Council in January.

In a letter to the mayor, Dorothy Byrd (known as "Phoenix Byrd") spoke on behalf of the 68 signatures she received from residents of precinct 3 opposing the new location.

"We are expressing our dissatisfaction on how the situation was handled" said Byrd. We demand that you bring the voting polls back to precinct 3 and to the Thomas J. Coleman Center since the school (Beverly school) is no longer available."

Byrd stressed that they are concerned about 3 only and not 8. Residents in precinct 3 believe their civil rights were violated when the location was moved. This is because many of the residents walked to the Beverly voting location.

The new location, an additional mile away from many residents in 3, is too far to walk. Byrd says this is keeping people from voting and something must be done.

The previous voting location was at the Lorena Burton building, also known as Beverly School. The council approved of the new Romulus Elementary location, according to City Clerk Linda Choate, because it meets state and federal guidelines for a voting location, whereas the previous Lorena Burton location did not.

"It is not convenient for all of the voters in precinct 3. Good candidates may lose a vote as a result of this," said Byrd.

City Council stated that they were acting in accordance with state law and that those who would not be able to reach the Romulus Elementary location by foot could register for an absentee ballot.

"All voters who do not have transportation are entitled to an absentee ballot. We do not want to deny anyone the right to vote," said Clerk Choate.

Byrd also mentioned that some

residents were planning to car pool for those who don't have transportation and prefer not to walk.

In January, the council decided to move the voting location of precincts 3 and 8 to the new Romulus Elementary School. A handicapped accessible, air-conditioned building with a newly paved parking lot, the council felt that the location would suit the needs of the precinct better than the old one.

Precincts 3 and 8, they contend, were the largest growing precincts in the city with more residents in 3 and 8 combined when the new apartment complex and Gateway subdivision is finished.

They stated this again at the July 22 meeting. Precincts 3 and 8 are 6 square miles with 1,500 residents. Council is anticipating another 2,000 voters.

With the primary and final elections so close the council does not believe any change can be done to the precincts or their voting location for the upcoming elections.

"There's no way we could move back this year," said Councilwoman Debbie Romak.



Romulus celebrates summer school

Teachers Kendra Akers and Staci Alguire (back) enjoyed a moment with some of their summer school students at the last day.



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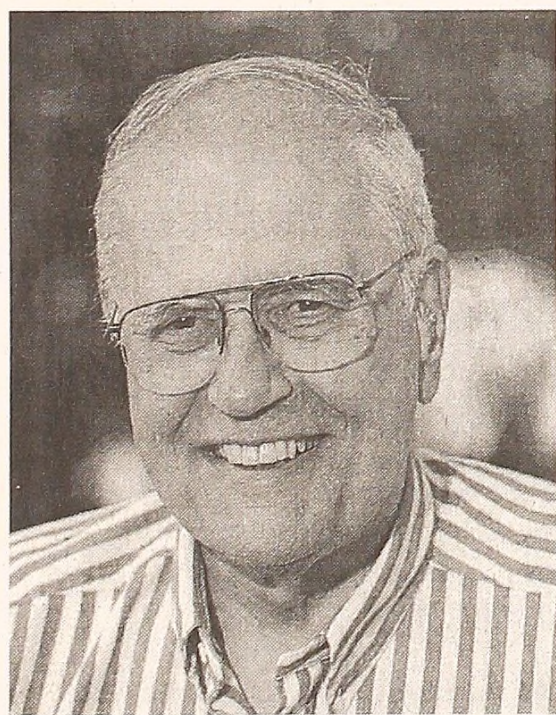
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ROBERT FICANO

Age: 49

Residence: Livonia

Education: Michigan State University, University of Detroit - Law

Occupation: Wayne County Sheriff, 15 years. Former private attorney. Past Deputy County Clerk. Party Affiliation: Democrat

ISSUES:

Increase federal funding for road repairs, including a program that would register future needed repairs to enable roads to be fixed sooner. Truck weight limits would need to be reduced. Does support a regional transit authority.

Establish after school programs using a UAW model, using recreation mills and corporate donations. Would establish a program that will use more aggressive techniques to inspect county nursing home facilities

Rely on Wayne County's automobile industry advantages to lure new companies in the fields of high-tech, biotech and fuel cell development. Establish a computer network to make the County government more efficient.

Supports possible sale or lease of county golf courses to eliminate county debt associated with running those facilities, and to raise money to offset some of the budget deficit. Wants a study on whether county administration is top heavy.

Would like to see construction of new police facilities in Detroit, providing additional jail space to avoid overcrowding. More attention on crime prevention. Programs that will provide better handling of parole violators to free court time.

Establish a program to assure fair contracting procedures.

BENNY NAPOLEON

Age: 46

Residence: Detroit

Education: University of Detroit Mercy - Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice. Detroit College of Law - Law Degree

Occupation: Vice President of governmental affairs, Capri Capital. Retired Detroit Chief of Police

in 2001 after 26 years of service. Former chair, Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

ISSUES:

Establish programs to promote preventive health. Would like to see school-based health clinics. Provide programs to increase health care for low-income residents and indigent. Expand pharmacy programs, while educating seniors on prescriptions.

Apply for additional money from federal and state grants for needed road repair. Provide more inspection of road building materials and preventive maintenance. Supports regional transit.

Initiate a program to market Wayne County, to attract high tech industry, and more small businesses. Wants to improve the bidding process for county contracts. Establish a board that will oversee attracting new business to the area.

Will demand greater accountability from department heads in budgeting. Wants a review of executive appointments. Overhaul of departments to provide more technology and reduce costs. Organize priorities in relation to county spending.

Implement better training and technology for the Wayne County Sheriff's office. Better response to domestic violence complaints. Mandatory treatment programs for offenders. Program to initiate stronger youth community services, focusing on prevention before detention. Improvements to Head Start.

Wants to improve education.

RICARDO SOLOMON

Age: 47

Residence: Detroit

Education: Morehouse College, Atlanta, and Central Michigan University - Business

Occupation: Wayne County Commissioner, 13 years. Aide to former US Rep George Crockett and Coleman Young, Mayor of Detroit Party Affiliation: Democrat

ISSUES:

Supports regional transit authority, possible light rail. Believes that a gas tax should be the

only tax sought for additional funding for the authority. Work with Detroit and other Wayne County communities to obtain federal grants for needed road repairs.

Expansion of county's prescription program to include more pharmacies, making it more competitive. Establish and promote a Wayne County Youth Service Corp to teach trade to young people who cannot attend college.

Initiate programs to attract new business to the county, including programs that would provide financial help to expand and retain businesses. Creation of a new department to provide assistance for minority and women owned businesses. Provide additional assistance to contractors that are in good standing with the county to get private sector work.

Wants to use part of the \$26 million rainy day fund to offset short-term revenue shortfalls, provide a bigger tax base for the county by attracting more local business. Better management to avoid budget deficits in the future.

Provide more money for crime and youth offender prevention programs through partnerships with schools and nonprofit organizations. Increase use of community service for nonviolent offenders. See more efficient court administration to end early jail release. Introduction of more preventive and alternative sentencing programs.

Enhancement of county neighborhoods by using nonprofit developers, businesses and community and volunteer organizations.

Return control of Metro Airport to the Wayne County Commission.

JOE YOUNG, JR.

Age: 51

Education: Michigan State University

Residence: Detroit

Occupation: State Senator since 1994.

Party Affiliation: Democrat

ISSUES:

Creation of a caucus in the State Legislature to fight for more road money. Schedule enhancements to assure that main roads and highways are not being fixed at the



Robert Ficano



Benny Napoleon



Ricardo Solomon

same time. Handicapped access to regional transit systems.

Promotion of health insurance coverage by area companies who receive tax breaks to locate in Wayne County. Bulk purchases of prescription drugs to provide lower costs for senior citizens.

Implement ideas to improve the lives of county residents. Would provide satellite offices in the suburbs for all residents to alleviate the need to travel to Detroit.

Improve county workforces to make the county more competitive. Program to initiate two-year scholarships to county community colleges to high school graduates with a C plus or better grade point average. Enhanced efforts to recruit new business to the county, especially biotech companies. Create programs to keep business in the county, by contracting Wayne County businesses when possible.

Would order a one percent across the board cut in all county departments. Create an incentive program that will award employees for cost-cutting measures.

Crime prevention programs focusing on improved education. Wants to end the cycle of building new jail facilities by improving classrooms.

BERNARD YOUNGBLOOD

Age: 52

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Residence: Grosse Pointe Farms

Current Occupation: Elected Wayne County Register of Deeds in 2000

Education: Bachelors - Business Management, Wayne State University

ISSUES:

Economics: Would like to see more parity and accountability in contracting.

Deficits: Wants an audit of county operations before offering a solution.

Roads: Would like to see a Cors satellite system showing pothole and other road problems, no other details on how he will fund road repair.

Transportation: Supports re-



Bernard Youngblood



Joe Young, Jr.

Other Democratic Candidates

NORMAN NADER
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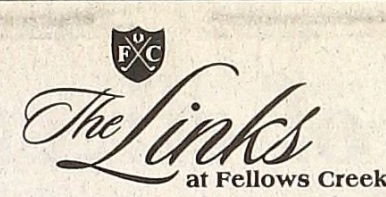
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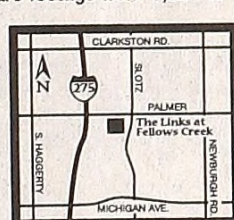




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Mark Slavens

MARK SLAVENS

Residence: Canton
Education: University of Michigan, Bachelor, University of Toledo Law School, Juris Doctorate
Occupation: Private Law practice since 1980, Current Vice President Plymouth-Canton Board Of Education
Party Affiliation: Democrat

ISSUES:

Reduction of class sizes in district and state public schools. Prescription drug plan that will cover all seniors. Additional programs to provide health care for seniors. Equality in the state's funding of public schools. Tools to provide local communities the resources they need to create emergency response plans for police and fire fighters in case of terrorist attack. Program to provide free software to parents to filter inappropriate and adult Internet sites from a child's access.



Eric LaCruze

ERIC LACRUZE

Residence: Belleville
Occupation: Home care giver.
Education: Belleville High School
Party Affiliation: Democrat

Issues:

Supports putting taxpayers ahead of big money. Proponent of honesty in Lansing. Opponent of career politicians and power brokering.

ENDORSEMENTS:

Tom Fielder, Mayor of Belleville, Wayne County Farm Bureau, Wayne County Sheriff's Airport Police, local 502, Michigan State AFL-CIO, Metro-Detroit AFL-CIO, Michigan Teamsters, Pride PAC of Michigan.

See page 8
for MCN
endorsements
of Primary
Candidates

REPUBLICANS



Herb Scott

HERB SCOTT

Residence: Canton
Occupation: Vice President of local pharmaceutical company. Current Treasurer of the Wayne County Republican Committee. Past President of Habitat for Humanity. Member of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.
Party Affiliation: Republican

ISSUES:

Reduction of prescription drug costs for seniors. Protection of a citizen's constitutional rights. Improvement of education in his district and throughout the state. Enhancement of programs available for senior citizens. Road and transportation improvements.

ENDORSEMENTS:

13th District Republican Committee, 13th Congressional District Republican Committee, Former State Senator, Robert Geake, Wayne County 13th District Republican Chair, Mark Mandell, Michigan Association of Realtors, Wayne County Republican Committee Chair, Margaret Van Houton, Jaylee Lynch, Wayne County 13th District Vice Chair.



Phillip LaJoy

PHILLIP LAJOY

Residence: Canton
Education:
Occupation:
Party Affiliation: Republican

ISSUES:

Supports initiatives that would enhance Michigan's economy. Does not support any tweaking of Proposal A, which capped local homeowner's property taxes. Proponent of tax increases. Does not propose raising the cap on charter schools. Proposes promoting generic drugs to help with prescription costs. Enhancement of district roads, local ability to post speed limits. Opponent of any attempt to raise the single business tax.

A third Republican,
Ruth Ann Bruce, of Canton,
was forced to withdraw
because she works for the
post office, but her name still
appears on the ballot.

Van Buren seeks new planning administration

By STEFANIE CARANO
MCN Staff Writer

Van Buren Township is seeking to fill a Planning and Zoning Administrator position in the Building and Planning Department.

In the past few weeks Building and Planning Director Bryce Kelley, Executive Director/Assessment Coordinator Susan Ireland and Township Supervisor Cindy King have discussed how to best meet the demand "to provide adequate and professional service in the area of development," said Supervisor King.

The Planning and Zoning Administrator will provide support to Director Kelley to the daily operation of the Planning Department and Ordinance enforcement. The administrator will serve as a staff liaison to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

They will be responsible for the coordination of the Site Plan Committee review process, which may involve various outside agencies, departments, consultants and the Planning Commission.

Over a year ago, the township

board approved to have a Building Director for Van Buren and began advertising to find someone suitable for the job. The township received approximately 6 resumes from people interested.

According to Supervisor King, the board was dissatisfied with the lack of applicants and the qualifications of the ones interested. During the time that they were reviewing these, they learned that Bryce Kelley was interested in returning to the township.

Since Kelley's return, the township did not make attempts to fill the position and instead worked with newly reinstated Director Kelley on a variety of building projects. "However," said Township Supervisor Cindy King, "it remains that there is a need for additional staff in the Developmental Services Department (Building and Planning)."

There are benefits of separating building functions from planning, however the township is still spending considerable amount of time in the planning process and the weak national economy has not affected the pace of planning in Van Buren.

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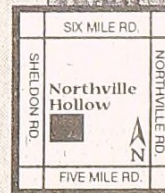
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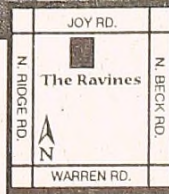
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Rivers, Sarah Brady talk gun safety in Inkster

‘Gun safety is big issue in this campaign’

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Sarah Brady, whose life was shattered in 1981 when her husband, Jim, was shot in the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan, joined Congresswoman Lynn Rivers on Monday in Inkster to discuss the importance of gun safety.

Brady's husband served as assistant to the President, and also White House Press Secretary when he was shot and seriously wounded by would-be assassin John Hinck-

ley outside a Washington D. C. hotel where the president was heading to address a convention audience.

Hinckley, later arrested and convicted of attempted assassination of a president, is presently serving a life-sentence in a federal penitentiary.

Rivers and Sarah Brady stressed the importance of the gun safety issue in the upcoming Aug. 6 primary.

At the press conference held at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex, attended by a large audience including city council members and the administration, Brady

praised Rivers' unwavering support for common sense gun laws.

"There is no doubt that gun safety is a major issue in this campaign," said Rivers. "Sarah Brady is a national leader on this important issue and I am proud to have her strong backing in this campaign."

Rivers is fighting a battle with seasoned Congressman John Dingell, who has served in the U. S. House of Representatives for 46 years. The two are seeking the Democratic Party's nomination for Congress in a redrawn 15th district.

"It seems that every day more

and more kids are killed or wounded by gun violence," said Rivers. "I'm a mom, and I know these tragedies must stop. We need a representative in Congress not afraid to stand up to the NRA and do something about it."

Sarah and Jim Brady have been leaders in the fight for common-sense gun safety measures for years. Among their most significant achievements was the passage of the Brady Bill, signed into law by President Bill Clinton on Nov. 30, 1993. The law requires a national waiting period and a background

check on all handgun applicants who purchase these weapons from licensed dealers.

"When it comes to protecting Michigan's families and children from gunfire, Lynn Rivers is the best choice for the 15th district," Sarah Brady said. "Since her first day in Congress, Lynn Rivers has worked tirelessly for stronger gun laws. She supports the Brady law. She supports the ban on assault weapons, and she is fighting to close the gun show loopholes."

Married and a mother of two by the time she was 21, Rivers worked

her way through the University of Michigan and Wayne State law school with a combination of student loans and determination.

She entered politics as a mother with young children who got mad at the system and served on the Ann Arbor School Board.

Rivers is proud of her fights in Washington to protect Social Security, create a prescription drug benefit under Medicare, save children from gun violence, defend the environment from big polluters, and to always protect a woman's right to choose.



“Health Fair”

Smith Chapel A.M.E. held a “Health Fair” recently at the church located in Inkster. State Representative Derrick Hale (center), a candidate for the Michigan Senate, cosponsored the event. Health Fair committee members Ernestine Moon (left) and Jacqueline Jones also are pictured with the state rep. The “Health Fair” preceded the annual Smith Chapel’s Women/Men’s Day celebration. The public is invited to attend morning worship with the congregation. Pastor Thomas M. Higginbotham, and his wife, the Rev. Ana Higginbotham, officiate. Smith Chapel is located at 3505 Walnut Street, at the corner of Beech. Photo by Theola Jones

Women of Achievement candidates sought

Nominations are now open for the YWCA of Western Wayne County's 11th annual Women of Achievement Awards.

The deadline to submit nominations is 5 p.m. on September 2.

Awards will be presented in six different categories: Arts/Communications, Business/Industry; Government/Law, Professions, Volunteer Service, and Young Woman (ages 16-23).

The awards recognize women who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in both their professional and personal endeavors for the

betterment of Western Wayne County.

The six awards will be presented at the YWCA Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon which is scheduled for November 1 at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

Following the honoree reception and luncheon, United States Senator Debbie Stabenow will act as Mistress of Ceremonies and YWCA Woman of the Year Paula Blanchard, President of The Paula Blanchard Companies, will present the keynote address.

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MNA is a membership-based organization, with over 600 members statewide. Since its inception in 1990, MNA has served Michigan by providing education and instruction relating to all facets of nonprofit organizations, management, and marketing.

Cash has served as Starfish's Chief Executive Officer for a dozen years. Through counseling and treatment, respite and support, education and training, inspiration and opportunity, Starfish provides services that strengthen families so that they can take better care of and provide brighter futures for their children.

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Notice is further given that Saturday, August 3, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications, in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the acceptance thereof.

“LATE” ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS will be accepted from any registered elector between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the day before the election, Monday, August 5, 2002 if the voter shall personally appear at the Clerk's office. Said ballot may not be taken out of the Clerk's office but must be voted immediately.

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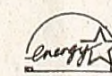
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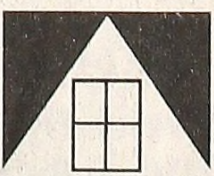
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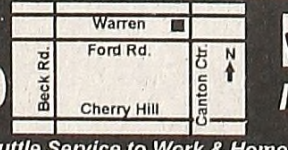
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BRITTON, MARY RUTH, 73, of Inkster (born in Atlanta, GA to King and Mary Britton), passed away June 23. She became Ruler of Sunset Temple #925 and received the Lifetime Membership Merit Left to cherish her memory is her special friend Frank McCain; her brother William, her sister Eunice, family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services at Gethsamane Baptist Church.

CADDEN, PATRICIA A., 56, of Romulus passed away July 11. Loving daughter of Josephine (Glowacz) Blaskiewicz. Beloved mother of Michael J. Cadden II of Romulus, Lisa Greca of Romulus, and Mrs. Marcus (Dawn M.) Montgomery of Romulus. Dearest sister of Edward J. Blaskiewicz, Mrs. (Lee) Cindy Plateau of Belleville, and Mrs. Ronald (Debra) Barron of Romulus. Also survived by ten grandchildren. Preceded in death by her father Joseph J. Blaskiewicz. Funeral services were held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Interment followed at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

CHRISTY, VERA MARIE, 87, of Wayne, passed away July 17. Loving wife of the late Claude Christy. Loving mother of Helen Jeter. Beloved grandmother of Michelle Jeter-Krasnikoff, Kevin Christy, Valerie Lungren, and Tara Barro. Loved great-grandmother of Christy Lungren, Jessica Lungren, Justin Krasnikoff, Jarrett Krasnikoff, and Kristin Hintz. A memorial service was held at St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Livonia with Rev. Thomas Eggebeen officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

DeWALSCH, JOHN GERARD, 49, of Wayne, passed away July 1. Loving husband of Thelma DeWalsch. Beloved father of Scott DeWalsch, Michele DeWalsch, Michele (Aaron) Heame, Samantha (Ralph) Smith, and Christopher McTigue DeWalsch. Dearest brother of Mary (Larry) Kruger, Clare (Peter) Holden, Barbara (Glenn) Giza, Mark (Ruth) DeWalsch, the late Judy Storie, the late James (Beth) DeWalsch, and the late Paul DeWalsch. Loved grandfather of John Robert McTigue, Rob Pook, and Morgan Heame. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Pastor Thomas Wellen officiating. Interment fol-

lowed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Milford, MI.

DOLENTZ, ALICE DeVERA, 85, of Romulus, passed away June 16. Alice was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing, crafts, gardening, and cooking. She was also a member of Bethany Bible Church. Beloved wife of William Frank Dolentz. Dearest mother of Gayle L. (Robert) Murray of Nigeria. Dearest grandmother of Amy Murray (a teacher at Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne), David and John Murray of Romulus, and Matthew Murray of Nigeria. Preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Berta (Kneale) Markt and eight brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor John F. Losen officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Bethany Bible Building Fund.

HISTER, TOMMIE, 89, OF Westland (born in BoBo, MS to Hezekiah and Carrie Hister), passed away June 20. He was retired from Huron Valley Steel. He enjoyed baseball and fishing. He leaves to cherish his memories his children Tommie Jr., Genemar, Eugene, Graham, Washington, Steve, Essie, Ruthie, Dorothy Vivian, Wilmer, and Annie; twenty-nine grandchildren; thirty-three great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at Gethsamane Baptist Church with Rev. Terry Hister officiating.

MANUEL, HENRY GEORGE, 87, of Wayne, passed away July 16. Loving husband of Delia Manuel. Beloved father of Walter (Judy) Manuel, Henrietta (James) Payne, Ponzella (Kenneth) Kanipe, Lola (Donald) Robinson, and Demanda (Lyle) Tourro. Dearest brother of Imogene Hamilton. Also survived by eighteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

MCDONALD, WILLIAM N., 79, of Belleville, passed away July 13. Mr. McDonald was a steel hauler and retired from the GM Willow Run Plant. His first love was horses. Mr. McDonald operated Smoky Acres Horse Boarding and was also the proud owner of Aces Strolling Gold

(1964 World's Grand Champion in speed and action of the Racing Horse Division). He was a member of the Michigan Racing Horse Club and Tennessee Walking Horses. Beloved husband, for 53 years, of Evelyn (Rucker) McDonald. Beloved father of Mary McDonald of Belleville, Jane (Paul) Brown of Belleville, and Joan (Bryce) Mathis of West Branch. Dear brother of Wayne McDonald of Detroit. Loved grandfather of Steven Brown, Mitchell Brown, Paul Rodney Brown II, Paula Carpenter, Kathleen Mancuso, Kimberly Maitland, and Patricia McHone. Dearest great-grandfather of Max, Amy, Autumn Lace, Anthony, Ashley, Christopher, Noah, Sara, Steven Austin, Michael and Ryan. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Pastor Robert J. White officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Horse's Haven or Therapeutic Riding, Inc.

MILLER, MARGARET, 78, of Inkster (born in Ypsilanti to Robert and Margaret Lynn), passed away June 23. She loved fishing and gardening. She leaves to mourn his passing her dear nieces and nephews Robert, Gerald, Dennis, Marvin, Lawrence, Brenda, William, Gracie, and Sharon; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Elder Ronald Springer officiating. Interment followed at Westlawn Cemetery West.

PACHOLSKI, STANLEY FRANK, 84, of Inkster, passed away July 16. Loved husband of Mary Ann Pacholski. Dearest father of Sandra (George) Hanink, Thomas (Chris) Pacholski, Don Pacholski, James (Diane) Pacholski, and Nancy (Dennis) Nickols. Also survived by five grandchildren. Funeral services were held at S.S. Kevin and Norbert Catholic Church in Inkster with Father Jack Baker officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

PORTERFIELD, THURSA M., 80, of Ypsilanti, passed away July 17. Dearest mother of Donna Jean Richett of Wayne, Diana Lee Humphreys of Ypsilanti, Judy Ann (Riley) White of Belleville, and Dwight Porterfield of Ypsilanti. Dear sister of JoAnn Barendscheer of Ypsilanti, James Towler Sr. of Belleville, Ora (Helen) Towler of Belleville, J.C. Towler of Ypsilanti and Ambrose (Barb) Towler of Ypsilanti. Also survived by seven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Ira Edwin and Weltha Mae (Fuller) Towler Sr., her husband Clifford Dwight Porterfield, a sister and two brothers. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Rev. Robert C. Moran officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

SCHROEDER, SARAH A., 74, of Dearborn Heights, passed away July 14. Loving mother of Kathryn Schroeder of Dearborn Hts., Bobby (Frances) Powell of Garden City, Cecil (Joyce) Powell of Wayne; Susan

(Kevin) Walls of Trenton, GA; Mary (John Jr.) Walla of Inkster; John W. Schroeder Jr. of Louisville, KY, and the late Ronald Powell. Dearest sister of Lilly Onita Price. Also survived by sixteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

SELEWSKI, PATRICK R., 64, of Westland (born in Detroit to Joseph and Ann Selewski), passed away June 22. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with the remains donated to the University of Michigan Medical School.

ST. ONGE, CAROL L., 39, of New Boston, passed away July 11. Loving daughter of Leroy Southerland of Belleville and Linda J. (Hamm) Konkall of New Boston. Dearest granddaughter of Nancy Southerland of Pineville, KY and Edith Hamm of Livonia; step-granddaughter of Rose A. Orr of Belleville. Beloved sister of Leroy (Angela) M. Southerland of New Boston, James H.H. Konkall of Flat Rock, Jason D.L. Southerland of Belleville, and Mrs. Sherry Lynn (Samuel) Farrugla of Flat Rock. Also survived by four nieces and two nephews. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home with Rev. William Kren officiating. Interment followed at Huron Valley Cemetery in Flat Rock.

STABILE, SHEILA FAYE, 46, of Wayne, passed away July 9. Sheila was the owner of the Wayne Greyhound Station in Wayne. She also was the former owner of Crazy Barb's Used Book Store of Wayne. Loving wife of Charles Stabile. Beloved mother of Angela Faith Stabile and Anthony James Stabile. Dearest daughter of James and Barbara Coleman. Dear sister of Stephen Coleman, Jamie Coleman, and Robert Coleman. Loved grandmother of Dominik Albanys. Also survived by her beloved pet Murphy the Cat. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at Glenwood cemetery in Wayne.

STUBBS, ALBERT N., 48, of Redford (born in Philadelphia, PA to Theodore and Joan Stubbs), passed away June 15. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with the Chapel Minister officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

ZEIGLER, JESSE W., 60, of Inkster (born in Deatsville, AL to Matherson Wells and Flora Mae Zeigler), passed away June 22. He worked for GM and Ford Motor Company, he retired in 1991. He leaves to mourn his passing his mother Flora; his children Jesse Jr., Marvin, Yvonne, and Diantha; fifteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home. Interment followed at St. James Cemetery in Deatsville, AL.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2002

Inspection of items will take place at 8:30 a.m. Items which will be auctioned may include property confiscated, forfeited or abandoned and surplus items from various city departments.

Mrs. Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk

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A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 02/03-19 Fire Fighter Turn Out Gear

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, or by calling (734) 942-7564.
- Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2002. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.
- The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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Granholm, Dingell, Ficano are MCN picks

The August 6 primary appears to be one of the most competitive elections this area has seen in many years - particularly if you are Democrat. Statewide, the three Democratic candidates for Governor are spending record amounts of money to win the nomination. At the Congressional level, Dean of the Congress, Rep. John Dingell is campaigning as hard as his very first race, as he and Rep. Lynn Rivers run neck-and-neck for the newly formed 15th Congressional District.

After numerous interviews and questionnaires a panel that includes writers Tom Mooradian, Ivan Helfman, and Brenda Gracin, along with Rita Bedell and yours truly, have endorsed on behalf of Michigan Community Newspapers, the following candidates:

GOVERNOR (Democratic) - The panel split big-time, here. James Blanchard, who served the eight years before John Engler, certainly has a great deal of experience to draw from. Depending on who you talk to that could be good or bad. We believe politics-as-usual is not the right direction, and would ask Democratic voters to nominate Jennifer Granholm as their gubernatorial candidate. Granholm, has held up well clearly and concisely stating her positions, despite a television attack from both Blanchard and David Bonior, that few have seen in politics.

GOVERNOR (Republican) - We would like voters to nominate State Senator Joe Schwarz. The doctor, a moderate, is one of the most respected members of the Senate and his no-nonsense approach to campaigning and laying out the issues is refreshing. Dick Posthumous, the probable nominee, is tied to the Western Michigan, conservative, right wing portion of the party that hasn't been able to win a statewide election in a long time.

U.S. Congress - 15th District (Democratic) - Republican-controlled redistricting has thrown the two veteran lawmakers into one of the nation's most watched Congressional races. Lynn Rivers who has represented Western Wayne for eight years has performed superbly at the local level. Her ability to communicate with local citizens is unmatched. But many would say her views on gun control, abortion and the environment are too liberal for her district. Dingell, who has served longer in Congress than anyone currently holding a seat, on the other hand is more conservative and considered one of the top leaders in Congress. We believe voters should elect John Dingell.

U.S. Congress - 11th District (Republican) - This race pits State Senator Thaddeus McCotter against Canton businessman David Hagerty. McCotter has served as a county commissioner and state senator, and certainly has a grasp on how government works. We are somewhat disturbed that he spends very little time in the City of Wayne, but overall we believe he would make the better representative.

County Executive - (Democratic) - Although four Republicans are running, the next Executive will come from a pack of nine Democrats, with realistically only three of those having a chance. Benny Napoleon, former Detroit Police Commissioner and Ricardo Solomon, Chairman of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners are campaigning hard. However, we believe the nod should go to Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano. Ficano, who has held his elected position for many years, deserves the opportunity to step up and run the County. As a Western Wayne resident, he will keep in mind that we sometimes have a different agenda than the City of Detroit.

State Senate - 6th District (Democratic) - Eileen DeHart, who currently sits on the Westland City Council, but has held leadership positions in the state legislature ought to be nominated for state senate. DeHart is wonderful at coalition building and usually does what she says. Her opponent Eric Stempien is a Livonia lawyer.

State Representative 18th District (Republican) - Our choice is Kip Lipford, a thoughtful newcomer with some good ideas including several ways to demand accountability from our schools. His opponent is perennial, and reclusive candidate, Bhagwan Dashaia.

State Representative 18th District (Democratic) - Incumbent Glenn Anderson is facing a challenge from re-called Westland City Council president, David Cox. Although we admired Cox's mall kiosk advertising to raffle off his pay raise, if he were elected, Anderson is our choice. Of all the candidates on this year's ballot, Anderson is, in our opinion, the most honest. Anderson has proven to be an effective lawmaker at the state level, just as he was on the Westland City Council.

State Representative - 20th District (Republican) - This hotly contested race pits incumbent John Stewart against Plymouth businessman Jonathon Grant. This appears to be a nail-biter as Grant has received money and endorsements from the conservative wing of the party. Stewart, a Plymouth lawyer, has sparred with members of his own party, mainly Rep. Patterson, and has frankly struggled in his first term. Grant, likewise, doesn't appear ready to lead this district. We will give a slight edge to Stewart.

State Representative - 21st District (Republican) - A Canton Township Board trustee is facing a substantial challenge. Philip LaJoy, the trustee, and Herb Scott are running on platforms that are very similar. LaJoy is a businessman and Scott works in the pharmaceutical industry. Neither appears to be very accessible. You choose.

State Representative - 21st District (Democratic) - Eric LaCruze, from Belleville, is a newcomer who is demanding accountability for public schools. His opponent is Plymouth- Canton Board of Education Vice-President Mark Slavens who seeks funding equality for public schools. Slavens with top-notch education and experience is our clear choice.

State Representative - 22nd District (Democratic) - In a crowded and somewhat experienced field, the nominee to replace Ray Basham, ought to be Taylor councilwoman, Jacklyn Molner. Molner's platform is typical of the candidates, but she has been a very effective councilperson. Her opponents include Donald Zub, the former mayor of Taylor, Hoon-Yung Hopgood, an aid to Basham, and promising newcomer Chris Dolson.

State Representative - 23rd District (Democratic) - This newly created district has a field of five running on the Democratic side of the ledger. We support Kathleen Law, a research scientist as the nominee. She has been featured in many newspaper and magazine articles for her aggressive efforts on behalf of water preservation and air quality.

County Commissioner - 11th District (Republican) - Three candidates including former state legislator Deborah Whyman are seeking this nomination. Whyman brings a lot of experience to the table but her ultra-conservative positions sometimes are contrary to the 11th District. We support Fred Bolden, who has run for this position twice. The Canton resident will make a worthy opponent for incumbent John Sullivan in November.

34th District Court - Some very worthy candidates will lose this election, as five candidates seek this position. Jeff Jahr, David Glaab and David Parrott would probably make excellent judges, but we throw our support to Stephen Trahey.

35th District Court - A new judgeship was created and ten candidates are seeking the position. We would ask voters to elect Karen Woodside. As 35th District Court Chair, she oversaw the budget and funding for the new courthouse after a fire destroyed the old one in 1997. Additionally she has served as Northville Township Supervisor and was named Outstanding Woman from Northville-2000.

City of Westland Incinerator Proposal - Actions by Mayor Sandy Cicirelli and the Westland City Council have convinced us that the city is making slow but good faith efforts to defang the bloodsucking incinerator contract - a contract that costs residents \$62 per ton to burn a ton of garbage, five to six times the land-fill rates. The mayor and council are demanding a break from incinerator owners and if they don't get it, they've budgeted money for legal fees to fight for it. Meanwhile passage of the five-year millage will give the cash-strapped city some breathing room. Vote "yes."

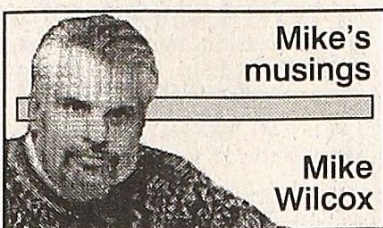
City of Inkster Bond Proposal - Inkster voters are being asked to approve the sale of municipal bonds totaling \$15 million to pay for street and infrastructure improvements. Residents would be taxed 5.61 mills over 10 years. That's a lot of money and even Mayor Hilliard Hampton has publicly said he will not support the proposal. We agree, wholeheartedly. Inkster voters are taxed enough.

Proposal K - This proposal asks Wayne County voters to approve 1.5 mills for mandated special education programs beginning in 2002. Everytime there is a "special needs" government pick-pockets the taxpayers to pay for the programs. Enough is enough. If you really want to help these students, send a message to Lansing that they are, by law, obligated to fund programs that are mandated.

Proposal S - Yikes, this is really a hold-up. This proposal asks county voters to approve an additional .6 mils for SMART. This would nearly double the millage devoted to the bus system. Please voters - no way, no how.

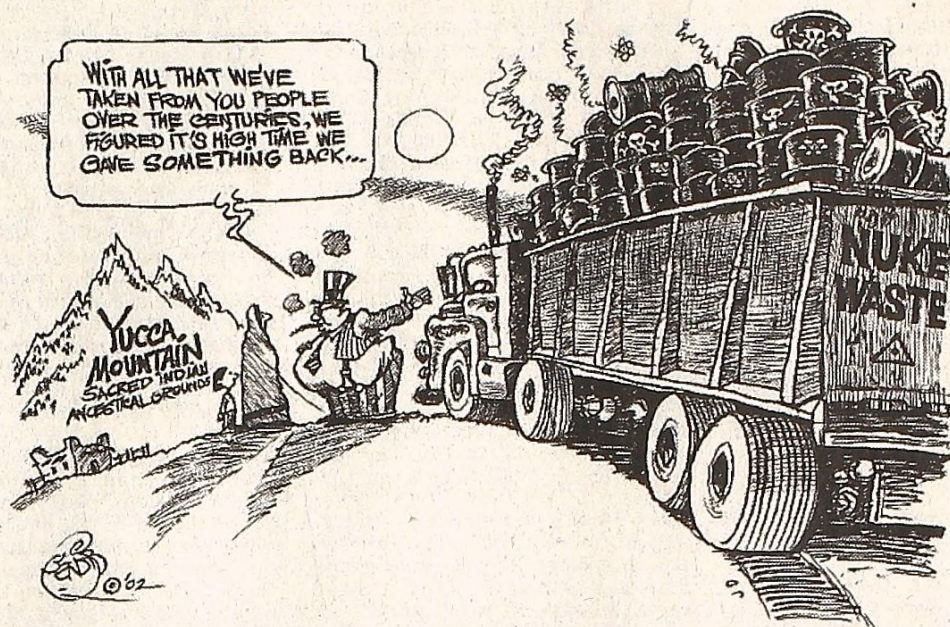
Proposal J - This is simply a renewal of .9432 mills authorized in 1998. Unfortunately in a society where crime is a part of everyday life, jails are essential. Vote "yes" on this proposal.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. I hope to see you there.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Is this an election or a snooze fest?

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Though 18th District Democratic rep candidate David Cox conducted an election raffle at a Westland Shopping Center kiosk decorated with American flags, and though Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, claimed that his chest and one of his hands were bruised in an alleged election campaign scuffle in Garden City, the election hasn't even generated back-ground noise.

So far all candidates with a chance to win have ignored solutions to tough problems. Only outsiders, such as Eric LaCruze, the 21st District Democratic House candidate, dare to challenge the status quo — a declining economy and a rising war on terrorism.

"I haven't received much support from the Democratic Party," said LaCruze.

An opponent of ruinous lawsuits and unaccountable public schools, LaCruze has slim pickings in the Aug. 6 Democratic primary, especially against Mark Slavens, darling of two Democratic Party special interest groups, the trial lawyers and teacher unions. A lawyer and a Plymouth-Canton school board member, Slavens only needs to join the UAW, the Sierra Club, and the Rainbow Coalition to be completely plugged into the Democratic establishment.

While the blessings of the Democratic establishment will reward Slavens, as the blessings of the Republican Party establishment — the Business Roundtable, the Chamber

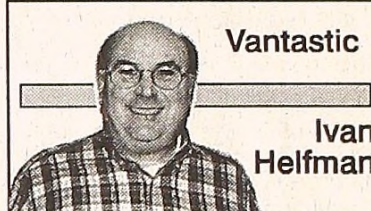
of Commerce, the Christian Coalition — should bless GOP gubernatorial candidate Dick Posthumus in the primary, establishment power no longer rewards most Middle Americans, who lack the wealth, health, safety, and schooling of most Western Europeans (whom we subsidize at the expense of urban Americans).

I think the worst of establishment politicians when I drive my daughter to Orchestral Hall in Detroit, where she plays the fiddle in a youth orchestra. The nation's richest major city for decades, Detroit now houses dope dens in its ruins.

Driving along Martin Luther King Boulevard and Woodward Avenue in an area that has received millions in redevelopment funds from four levels of government and from corporate America, filthy mattresses stick out of broken windows in crumbling buildings, some with only two walls.

Nearby public schools, which recently rationed toilet paper to students, drive students and families away because special interests have a stranglehold on the Michigan legislature. (Meanwhile in Milwaukee and Cleveland, Rustbelt cities with politicians brave, tough, and honorable enough to battle teachers unions over vouchers, attract families and revive urban neighborhoods with improving public and private schools.)

Yet no mainstream Michigan candidate dares to challenge the state's disincentives for strong neighborhoods, good schools, and small businesses, the mirror image of the state's favors for corporate and gov-



Vantastic

Ivan Helfman

ernment union contributors.

But since Eisenhower, candidates who put peace, prosperity, and secure borders over power almost always lose. Candidates like the Green Party's Ralph Nader — he's the guy who campaigned against corporate dishonesty and for protecting passenger airplanes against terrorism — get demonized in the media and trounced in the polls.

So we end up with corporations cheating investors and terrorists hijacking airplanes for mass murders of thousands of innocent people, tragedies that establishment politicians have exploited to take away constitutional rights and to justify invading Iraq.

But with all the gloom, at least state Sen. Joe Schwarz, a Republican gubernatorial primary candidate, has kept his sense of humor.

When I asked Schwartz, who hails from Battle Creek, America's corn-flake capital, if he was conspiring with Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, a Schwartz-backer and first citizen of Michigan's former sweet-corn capital, to revive the falling fortunes of corn, Schwartz denied any conspiracy.

"It's just the cornball supporting the corn flake," he said.

Firing Line teaches gun safety

I started last week's column saying I was loosing my mind. Endless tax increases, government waste, mindless laws and ordinances, corporate lying, and cheating priests, police, and politicians. No one showing personal responsibility or common sense. And no end in sight.

Someone give me a gun. No, no, just a joke. Just looking for a way to mention Westland's first indoor gun range, the Firing Line on Hix Road north of Ford.

The new business, owned by Westland cops, gives shooters a place to practice, offers gun safety classes, and sells firearms, bullets, and accessories.

People preparing to carry a concealed handgun can get the training required for a permit during a 12-hour class.

Gun owners can practice shooting, learn how to safely store guns, and ways to prevent accidents.

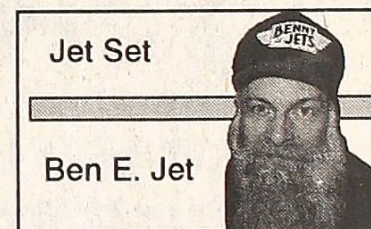
The Firing Line has introductory prices on six-month or one-year memberships. Nonmembers can fire rounds for \$12 an hour.

Now, how about a beer? No still kidding, but I have never drunk beer. I have tried a sip. In the old days I even tried a dark beer at Mr. Mike's, which used to be on Ford Road in Westland. I just never liked the taste of beer.

But I know a few people who do. In beer news from Milwaukee, South African Breweries bought Miller from Phillip Morris for \$3.4 billion from Phillip Morris. The new company, SABMiller, will be the world's second-largest brewer.

Heard from 1310 AM sports radio host Ron Cameron. Ron is still doing his 8-11 a.m. weekend show live from the Rooke Sports Cafe in Wayne. He reminds Ernie Harwell fans to tune into a Tiger game before Harwell retires at the end of this season.

Heard from Inkster musician Jim Randolph. Jim, who invented the Ramtrac guitar, is a wealth of local music knowledge. He now has a full recording studio, one of the first to record karaoke tracks for budget demos. Contact Jim via the web at jrandolph28@comcast.net.



Jet Set

Ben E. Jet

Heard from musician and entertainment agent Tommy Vail. Vail agrees with last week's column sermon about America needing more good guys who do the right thing. He also is sad to see many local festivals and events overpaying for entertainment. Like most things, it makes sense to get a second opinion. Contact Tommy Vail and the Torpedoes or his music agency at oldiesagency@journey.com.

Heard from bass player Steve Cooper, who agreed that people need to stand up for what is right. His band is recording "Test," a new CD. For more information, surf to threebulletgate.com.

Contact Ben E. Jet at (313) 730-1627 or WWW.BENNYANDTHE-JETS.COM.

SOUND OFF EXTRA — (734) 729-4000 X 206

Compost trucks, will have their own tipping line at incinerator

Your article mentioned a new process at the Westland incinerator for our garbage that would have two lines to help move the truck through faster.

I thought the second line was only for the grass clippings and had nothing to do with the local trucks getting a priority drop-off line for their trash.

Besides, the compost stuff only accounts for an amount that is picked up for a few months of the year. The garbage is picked up all year long and with outsiders bringing in their trash, the long lines, and delays will continue no matter what they say.

And what line does the truck go

in that has mixed grass clippings with garbage? This happens every week and nobody stops it.

Downtown Wayne is often compared to Northville and Plymouth

The last couple of weeks in Sound Off, negative articles about Wayne and the Wayne City Manager have appeared.

I think the articles are wrong the person needs to take a good look at Wayne. I also wonder if the person may have failed civics 101. Wayne has a very fine city manager, who has the interest of Wayne in mine, is a dedicated employee and is doing a good job. Wayne has had many improvements under Mr. Zeck.

Wayne is always being compared

to Northville and Plymouth, take a good look and you will find any retail store in Wayne you find in other communities.

Think about this: Cunningham's is no longer in Wayne. They went out of business, but we have two CVS drug stores, one Rite Aid, one Walgreen's. The men's and woman's clothing stores that used to be in Wayne would not be in business today for one reason: styles have changed, men do not wear suits, and woman do not wear dresses as much. This is not the fault of the City Manager or the City Council but of style and societal changes.

The present budget cuts are not effecting the construction of the new fire station as the article indicated. Yes there were budget cuts in the fire, police, DPW, water departments and city hall, all to balance the budget. Maybe Wayne should run in

debt?

Yes we are planting trees with money from a grant not from the city budget. Yes downtown has been improved with money that was already budget. The budget cuts are from less funding from the State of Michigan, could anyone know that would take place?

The fire department has the same number of firefighters, 20, before and after the budget. I am sure when there is money the city will hire more firefighters, a plan that they were working on before the cuts, but the department still has the same manpower. You can only purchase what you have money for. Just like a family budget.

Wayne is as good of place as any with good people running the community. If people are so unhappy

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Couple trusts Anderson

To the editor:

My husband and I felt it was about time for someone to talk about Glenn Anderson in a positive way instead of all the negativity that has been flying around about him.

We have known Glenn for a very long time and have always found him to be honest and straightforward.

We do not always agree with the things he votes for, but he does vote his conscience and for what he believes is best for Westland. We cannot ask a politician to do anything else.

If we have a problem with how he is voting, we ask him about it. He always answers our questions, and then we make up our own minds.

We have only known a handful of politicians that we trust in their integrity and honesty, and Glenn is at the top of the list.

If there is anyone out there who would like to ask Glenn a question, feel free to call him. If he is not home, leave a message and he will call you back.

The last negative letter in the paper about Glenn almost made us laugh. Here was a man we had not heard from since his last year in office, and all of a sudden we are supposed to listen to him because he is supporting a man who was recalled from office.

We are not going to get into any negative comments in this letter except for the above paragraph. We would just hope that everyone will get out and vote Aug. 6.

Voting for Anderson,
Howard and Georgia Becker



David Cox, right, called off his rep raffle rather than be charged with a violation of state election laws. Photo by Ivan Helfman

Throw away raffle tickets

Dear Citizens,

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has reviewed my so-called "pay-raise drawing" and takes the position it violates Michigan law by providing a financial inducement to vote for me. Accordingly, I have agreed to cease and desist the activity. There will be no drawing.

Those holding tickets or coupons should know they do not have any cash or redeemable value. I apologize to any members of the public that may have been inconvenienced.

Sincerely,
David Cox, 18th District rep candidate
Westland

TIFAs, not millage, should pay for Westland's garbage

To the editor:

Two years ago, I approached Charlie Pickering in the council chambers hallway, and pleaded with him to run for council again to bring some civility to the meetings. This was during the recall chaos.

What a colossal mistake that was since, it seems to me, Pickering has a penchant to pick on defenseless seniors.

Jan Plonski, Mildred Evans, and Dorothy Smith can be a royal pain at times, but Pickering's bellowing and berating of them is bush league. There has to be a better way.

There has been a policy in Westland of no political campaigning from the lectern. Was it convenient amnesia when Pickering allowed city employees to trumpet his position on the millage proposal?

Also, a uniformed police officer was allowed to expound on the position.

This millage is not needed. First off, it is not a renewal of an existing millage. It's a new millage as the old one expired.

Questions about the city's TIFA fund have been bantered about. True there are no TIFA funds left this year. But they will be available next year and for years to come, with more than enough money to cover the city's trash contract obligations.

What the administration doesn't tell you is that they have other plans for the TIFA money. They love the idea of having millions of dollars to play with.

The city doesn't need to lose city services or have layoffs if the millage fails. If they want to be fiscally responsible, they can make cuts. K-Mart cut \$2 million out of their pension payouts

to executives. Westland can do this two. It would be unpopular but necessary.

Personnel Director Keith Madden has selective amnesia about Westland's big pensions. Let me refresh his memory:

Robert J. Thomas, \$83,501 annually for 31 years; Michael Gorman, \$48,064 for 12 years and purchased time; Sylvia Kozorosky, \$60,000 a year for 22 years and purchased time; and Trav Griffin, \$89,501 for four years and purchased time.

Some tough decisions have to be made and new priorities looked at. Somehow I don't think this will happen because the incinerator contract became a cash cow for a lot of politicians.

Chuck Papineau
Westland

Elect experienced judge to 34th court

To the editor:

As responsible voters in this election, we must consider the experience level of judicial candidates. Experience DOES matter.

Steve Trahey has experience. He is the best qualified candidate for the 34th District Covert judge position.

I would not hire a doctor, lawyer, mechanic, engineer, or tradesperson without actual experience.

If an inexperienced judge gets

elected, losses will be suffered when he makes a mistake. Who will suffer? Citizens, defendants, plaintiffs, police officers, and the general public will suffer.

Steve Trahey has worked as a courtroom attorney for 23 years. Voters should find out if their preferred candidate has actual courtroom experience, and not just legal experience practiced in an office setting.

Steve Trahey received the high-

est rating from the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association after an extensive interview regarding his 23 years of courtroom-litigation experience.

He was the ONLY candidate to receive a "well qualified" rating by the committee.

My vote is for Stephen J. Trahey.
Sincerely,
Barbara Kalbfleisch
Belleville

Rep. Basham helped city council keep Plastech factory in Romulus

To the editor:

The June 20, 2002 edition of the Romulus Roman included an article announcing that the City of Romulus granted a tax abatement to Plastech Engineered Products.

As a member of the Romulus City Council, I was pleased that the city was able to assist in securing the location of this reputable company and its high-quality jobs in

our community. Your coverage of this positive development was also appreciated.

I believe it should be pointed out, however, that this opportunity might not have materialized if it were not for the intervention and efforts of our state representative, Ray Basham.

Many people may not realize that Plastech originally planned to build a facility at another site in Ro-

mulus. Unfortunately, severe technical, logistical, and financial difficulties related to their electrical power supply prohibited them from doing so. Similar problems also threatened their ability to complete this project at the old Shiloh Industries plant. As a result, Romulus was at risk of losing this plant to another community or, worse yet, another state.

Recognizing these dire conse-

quences, I contacted Ray Basham to request his assistance. I am proud to say that Rep. Basham responded immediately, bringing together several representatives from Plastech, the City of Romulus, DTE Energy, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

He facilitated discussions at multiple meetings that ultimately led to the positive resolution of this situation.

Ray Basham has been an outstanding representative for the City of Romulus. He is a well-respected and extremely effective leader who is always willing to do whatever he can to be of assistance. I know this from my own personal experience and I felt it was important that others in our community know too.

Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear
Romulus City Council

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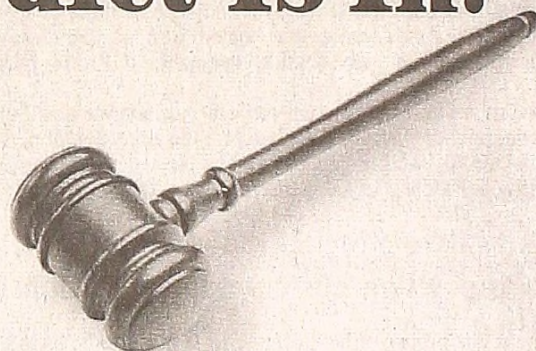


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For Our Judges, the Verdict Is In.



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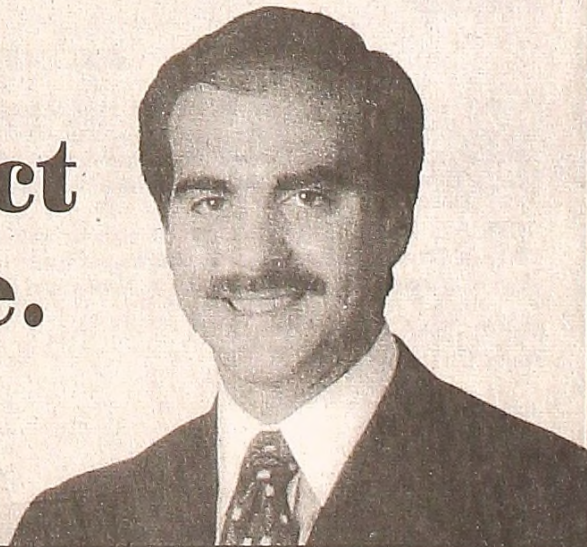
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Judge, Wayne County Circuit Court

It's David Glaab for District Judge.



Citizens for David A. Glaab for Judge
P.O. Box 664, New Boston, MI 48164

CITY OF WAYNE PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, County of Wayne: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Wayne, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on **Tuesday, August 6, 2002**, for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices for which the following have been nominated:

GOVERNOR
UNITED STATES SENATOR
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
(11 th District)
STATE SENATOR
(8th District)
REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE
(20th District)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION
JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT
Regular Term
Non-Incumbent Position

and the following proposals:

STATE PROPOSALS
PROPOSAL 02-1 - A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE PROVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THE STATE OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION (SOCC)

The proposed constitutional amendment would:
Add Attorney General and Secretary of State to list of state officials whose salaries and expense allowances are determined by the SOCC. The list currently includes the State Legislature, Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Supreme Court Justices.

Require the legislature to approve by majority vote any salary and expense allowance determinations proposed by the SOCC before determinations go into effect. Currently, the SOCC's determinations go into effect unless rejected by a 2/3 vote of legislature.

Allow legislature to reduce compensation increases proposed by the SOCC.

Provide that the SOCC's salary and expense determinations would take effect after the next general election.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES NO

PROPOSAL 02-2 - A PROPOSAL TO ALLOW CERTAIN PERMANENT AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS TO BE INVESTED AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND INCREASE ALLOWED SPENDING FOR STATE PARKS, LOCAL PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Allow certain permanent and endowment funds, including Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Parks Endowment Fund and Veterans Trust Fund, to be invested as provided by law, eliminating prior restriction on investing in stocks.

Increase Natural Resources Trust Fund cap on assets from \$400 million to \$500 million.

Allow the Natural Resources Trust Fund to continue to annually expend up to 33-1/3% of Fund royalties or other revenues, up to a new asset cap of \$500 million.

Increase allowed State Parks Endowment Fund spending to include interest and earnings and up to 50% of funds received from Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES NO

COUNTY OF WAYNE
PROPOSAL J - JAILS MILLAGE RENEWAL

To renew the millage authorized in 1998, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2001 roll-back rate of .9432 mills (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2002 through 2011) for any of the following previously authorized uses:

To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanor, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate at least \$37,431,874 in property tax revenue in 2002.

YES NO

PROPOSAL K - SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

The following proposal asks voters to consider an additional 1.5 mills for mandated special education programs beginning in 2002. The current authorization of 2.00 mills, which the voters approved at 1.0 mill in 1974 with an additional mill in 1988, has been rolled back to 1.8679 mills through application of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution. The funds would be restricted to supporting these mandated programs in Wayne County school districts and reduce the reliance on the districts' general funds for this purpose.

Shall the limitation on the annual property tax rate previously approved by the electors of Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, for the education of persons with disabilities be increased by 1.50 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation)? The estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in calendar year 2002 is approximately \$59,360,000.

YES NO

PROPOSALS - WAYNE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

If approved, this proposal shall increase to .6 mills, to be levied by the Wayne County Transit Authority in 2002, and allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation system serving the elderly, handicapped, and general public of Wayne County.

Shall the tax imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Transit Authority area which expired with the 2001 tax, be increased to 0.6 mill (60 cents per \$1,000 taxable value), for four (4) years, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, inclusive, for the purpose of making contributions in aid of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation ("SMART") and its purpose of serving the elderly, handicapped and general public in the County of Wayne? It is estimated that 0.6 mills would raise approximately \$13,856,498.00 when levied in 2002.

YES NO

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 3 OF THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT, PUBLIC ACT 62 OF 1933, AS AMENDED, BEING MCL211.203 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, County Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 26, 2002, the total of all voted increases in excess of Constitutional fifteen mill tax limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit:

LOCAL UNIT	DATE OF ELECTION	VOTED INCREASES	YEARS INCREASES EFFECTIVE
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2002 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2002 indefinitely
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2002 indefinitely
Wayne County Community College	November 3, 1998 November 6, 2001	1 mill 1 mill	2002 thru 2004 2002 thru 2004
Wayne-Westland Comm. School District	June 12, 1995	18 mills	2002 thru 2010 Inclusive

PRECINCT LOCATIONS:

Precinct 1 and 2	Wayne Memorial High School Alumni Arena, 3001 Fourth St.
Precinct 4 and 5	Taft Elementary School, 4035 Gloria St.
Precinct 6 and 7	Hoover Elementary School, 5400 Fourth St.
Precinct 8	Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School, 36075 Currier St.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. Daylight Savings Time, and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are wheelchair accessible.

Mary E. Carney
Wayne City Clerk

Publish: July 25, 2002
August 1, 2002

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JULY 8, 2002 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Randolph Gear

Present: William A. Crova, Charles Miller, Michiael Prybyla,
Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth
Excused: LeRoy D. Burcroff, Debbie Romak
Absent: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC. Clerk

1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to accept the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-261

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 1, 2002.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-262

3A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to acknowledge the grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Romulus Housing Commission and to authorize Christine Anderson Director, to proceed with its programs.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-263

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Geneva Clark.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-264

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to table the request to enter into an agreement with Wayne County for reconstruction of Eureka Road from Middlebelt Road to the South Access Road (John Dingell Drive).
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-265

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Sub-Recipient Agreement for the Wayne County, Urban County, Community Development Block Grant Program.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-266

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with SBC Advanced Solutions, Inc. for Intrastate Frame Relay Services with a one time charge of \$24.00 and a monthly charge of \$167.00, an essential service for the Police Department Laptop Computer Consortium.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gem, Millar, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-267

5D. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth and award the Master Plan Update to Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc & Associates at a cost not to exceed \$78,000.00.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-268

SE. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to grant authorization for the Finance Department to process the payoff check for Jerry Ladach for his unused three (3) weeks vacation time.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-269

5F. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova, to extend Bid 99-38 Heating and Cooling Contract and Bid 01/02-06 Electrical Contract on a month to month basis at the current costs.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-270

5G. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to amend Bid 00/01-43 for a 14' Commercial Cut-A-Way Van to include the specified body changes with Bill Wink Chevrolet at a cost of \$6,600.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-271

5H. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to waive the Building Department Fees required for the construction and related work to be done at the D.P.W. to accommodate the relocation of the Building Department.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-272

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 02/03-1,2 introduced at the meeting of July 1, 2002.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. No action taken.

02-272

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to grant authorization for Payment of Warrant 02-13 in the grand total amount of Six Hundred Twenty Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twelve Dollars, and Forty Three Cents (\$626,812.43).
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Crova. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lin& R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 8, 2002.

Linda A. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: August 1, 2002

Vote no on trash tax

To the editor:

I hope Aug. 6 you feel the same as I do and vote NO on the incinerator millage.

I noticed the concerns of the police and firefighters for the passing of the millage, but I wondered when that contract was put into effect.

The city entered into a 40-year contract with Constellation that has cost us dearly. For two years they buried the trash while charging us to burn it. They say they had to meet air-quality requirements, and that's what happened.

Well, if you didn't have an idea of what you were doing, then that might make sense. But I think you knew very well what you were doing.

And if the city's legal department didn't know how to protect its people from being bled with a 40-year contract, I could understand. But I say they knew.

People elected a mayor and council who in turn hire or appoint people to help manage the taxpayers' money to get the most for the least. But it seems that those who worked on this were bent on spending the most of the taxpayers' money without having to answer for what they did, and I worry how many other things may have been done.

Years ago when people got mad at how they were being overcharged in a city, the people in charge would say it's the county's fault. And if you went there, the county would say it's the state's fault. And if you went there, the state would say it was Washington DC's fault, and that would be a bottomless pit.

But now we are with four other cities as a starting point. You know, point at one another first, then the county, then the state, and then Washington DC.

I have no faith in the people in office to get us out of this overpriced joke. Just as I have no faith in asking a child molester if he molested a child or not.

A lot of people in office weren't in office when this was dumped on us, but the legal department was, and a lot of those in office owe their positions to a few who were in the forefront of that contract, and that makes my blood boil.

This will never change until the people say enough is enough and vote so, keeps their eyes on who's there, and lets them know that it stops now.

James R. Davis
Westland

Bar wrong on Glaab rating

To the editor:

It is no secret that I have strongly endorsed David A. Glaab, candidate for the open seat here at the 34th District Court.

Recently, I received an anonymous communication, the tone of which implicated a threat to my political future in retaliation for said endorsement.

Mr. Glaab recently received an unfavorable rating from the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. Given the fact that I have been attacked for endorsing Mr. Glaab, I feel compelled to substantiate my endorsement.

The Bar Association rated Mr. Glaab on the basis of a 15-minute interview which he had with a panel of attorneys. The Association noted that Mr. Glaab's unfavorable rating was the result of his lack of litigation experience.

On the other hand, I have based my endorsement of David A. Glaab on the following:

1) I have know David both personally and professionally for approximately ten years.

2) I have witnessed David's strength of character and personality in many different situations, both adverse and otherwise.

3) Unlike any of the attorney's on the Association's review panel, I am a presiding judge at the 34th District Court, and feel I am uniquely qualified to rate prospective judges.

Based on the above, I have chosen to endorse David A. Glaab. I agree with the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association that litigation experience is a consideration when choosing a judge.

However, in my opinion, the most important qualifications in a prospective Judge are integrity, a strong work ethic, a deeply ingrained sense of fairness and the ability to listen and communicate ideas to others. These qualifications, unlike some others, can not be learned on the job.

They are deep-seated personality traits which define who a person is or is not. David A. Glaab meets these qualifications to my satisfaction.

That is why I have chosen to support him. That is why I want to work with him on the bench at the 34th District Court.

Others may disagree with me. That's fine - it is the American way. I am happy to discuss such disagreement with anyone - anyone willing to step forward and identify themselves.

Thank you for your attention and column space.

Very truly yours,
Brian A. Oakley
34th District Court Judge

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Metro World story was wrong

To the editor:

I respectfully submit to you that the July 18 Romulus Roman front-page story, "Plan proposed for New World," by Ms. Stefanie Carano, bore major and misleading factual errors.

The errors begin with the headline itself. The proposed development is — and has been for quite some time — known as "Metro World Centre," not "New World."

The errors continue with the very first line of the story in which it is stated that Cushman-Wakefield are developers. The developer is, in point of fact, The Ecclestone Organization, owned and operated by developer Llywd (not Lloyd) Ecclestone, not Ecklestone. Cushman-Wakefield is an independent marketing company employed by The Ecclestone Organization.

In paragraph two of the article it is stated, "July 8 was the first public hearing for Cushman-Wakefield to present their plan, which is to rezone and develop the area primarily for office use." In fact, July 8th was not a public hearing to present the plan for development. It was a study session whose purpose did not include the rezoning of property. The sole purpose of the study session was to review a proposed concept plan for a Planned Development Designation.

In the third paragraph of column two this sentence appears. "Cushman-Wakefield expects a corporation like Lear (a subgroup of Dodge) to purchase the property as an office/corporate user." Lear Corporation is not a subgroup of Dodge. It is its own publicly traded seating and cockpit design automotive OEM selling to yet independent of Dodge and the Chrysler Corporation.

In column three, first paragraph, it is stated "Developer Lloyd Eckle-

stone, who is interested in selling the property to Cushman-Wakefield, owns most of the parcels of land that encompass the New World Centre." This sentence would make perfect sense if 1) Mr. Ecclestone were, in fact, interested in selling the property which he is not, 2) Cushman-Wakefield were not employed by The Ecclestone Organization to actively market the development of the property, and 3) the property were known as "New World Center," which again it is not.

Perhaps one of the most erroneous statements, in an article rife with inaccuracies, was the quote at-

tributed to Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, in which he is purported to have said: "I think the council will work well with you (Cushman-Wakefield). The city's not going to ask for any more money."

He did not say this and contextually it makes no sense.

We should hope any further articles exploring the Metro World Centre will be considerably more accurate in their presentation of facts and attributed quotes.

Thank you,
Stephen M. Jones
Romulus Public Relations

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, August 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, MI 48111.

This Public Hearing relates to the following described properties:

Parcel numbers V125-83-045-99-0020-003, V125-83-045-99-0021-001, V125-83-048-99-0019-000, V125-83-048-99-0001-000, V125-83-048-99-0002-000, V125-83-046-99-0005-704, V125-83-047-99-0018-000, V125-83-047-99-0017-000, V125-83-047-0015-000, V125-83-047-99-0012-001, the northern most 1400 feet of parcel V-125-83-048-99-0010-000, V125-83-045-99-0020-001 and V125-83-045-99-0006-002. Located south of Ecorse Road, east of I-275, west of Hannan Road and north of Tyler Road in section 12 of Van Buren Township.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren OT (Office Technology) Zoning District. The applicant is proposing a development of approximately 1,040,275 square feet for corporate office, lab testing facilities and employee amenities.

Approval of this application as submitted would require the following variances:

ARTICLE VI, PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 6.02 Off-Street Parking Layout, Standards, Construction and Maintenance, Subsection 14,

Maximum permitted drive aisle length: 300.00 feet
Proposed drive aisle lengths: Up to 400.00 feet
Variance requested: Up to 100.00 lineal feet in various portions of the site

Written comments will be accepted at the Department Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above referenced Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Development Services at least 72 hours in advance of meeting if requesting accommodations.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission with hold a public hearing on **Monday, August 12, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan 48111.

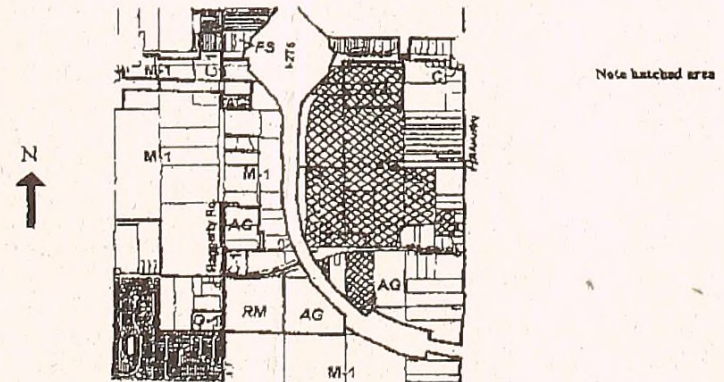
The Public Hearing relates to the following described properties:

1. Parcel numbers V-125-83-045-99-0020-003, V125-83-0045-99-0021-001, V-125-83-048-99-0019-000, V-125-83-048-99-0001-000, V-125-83-048-99-0002-000, V-125-83-046-99-0005-704, V-125-83-047-99-0018-000, V-125-83-047-99-0017-000, V-125-83-047-99-0015-000, V-125-83-047-99-0012-001 and the northern most 1400 feet of parcel V-125-83-048-99-0010-000, comprising 221.48 acres; located in Section 12 of the Township and bounded on the west by the I-275 right of way, to the east by the rear property lines of parcels abutting Hannan Road, to the south by Tyler Road, and to the north by the Detroit Edison transmission corridor;

2. A portion of parcel number V-125-83-045-99-0020-001, comprising of 1.14 acres located in Section 12 of the Township with frontage on Ecorse Road to the north and bounded by the Detroit Edison transmission corridor to the south;

3. A portion of parcel number V-125-83-045-99-0006-002, comprising of 0.87 acres of the Detroit Edison Transmission corridor and located in section 12 of the Township.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



The applicant is requesting special land use approval to construct and operate a cafeteria and dining facility permitted as a special land use in the OT (Office Technology) district per Section 14.03.4.c; to construct and operate a printing, copying, and mailing facility permitted as a special land use in the OT district per Section 14.03.4.b; of the Zoning Ordinance.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Development Services at least 72 hours in advance of meeting if requesting accommodations.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
AUGUST 6, 2002

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that a Primary Election will be held **TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2002**. Polls, are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	Fire Station #1	130 4th St.
Precinct #2	Fire Station #2	45581 Ecorse Rd.
Precinct #3	Tyler School	42200 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #5	South Middle School	45201 Owen St.
Precinct #6	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #8	North Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #9	Haggerty School	13770 Haggerty Rd.

Candidates for the following offices will be voted upon

Governor
United States Senator
Representative in Congress
State Senator
Representative in State Legislature
County Executive
County Commissioner
Delegate to County Convention
Judge of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial Circuit, Non-Incumbent Position - Vote 1
Judge of the District Court -34th District, Non-Incumbent Position - Vote 1

STATE PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS 02-1

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE PROVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THE STATE OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION (SOCC)

The proposed constitutional amendment would: Add Attorney General and Secretary of State to list of state officials whose salaries and expense allowances are determined by the SOCC. The list currently includes the State Legislature, Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Supreme Court Justices. Require the legislature to approve by majority vote any salary and expense allowance determinations proposed by the SOCC before determinations go into effect. Currently the SOCC's determinations go into effect unless rejected by a 2/3 vote of legislature. Allow legislature to reduce compensation increases proposed by the SOCC. Provide that the SOCC's salary and expense determinations would take effect after the next general election. Should this proposal be adopted?

YES NO

PROPOSAL 02-2

A PROPOSAL TO ALLOW CERTAIN PERMANENT AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS TO BE INVESTED AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND INCREASE ALLOWED SPENDING FOR STATE PARKS, LOCAL PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

The proposed constitutional amendment would: Allow certain permanent and endowment funds including Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Parks Endowment Fund and Veterans Trust Fund, to be invested as provided by law, eliminating prior restriction on investing in stocks. Increase Natural Resources Trust Fund cap on assets from \$400 million to \$500 million. Allow the Natural Resources Trust Fund to continue to annually expend up to 33-1/3% of Fund royalties or other revenues, up to a new asset cap of \$500 million. Increase allowed State Parks Endowment Fund spending to include interest and earnings and up to 50% of funds received from Natural Resources Trust Fund. Should this proposal be adopted?

YES NO

COUNTY PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS J
JAILS MILLAGE RENEWAL

To renew the millage authorized in 1998, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage, at the 2001 rollback rate of .9432 mills (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2002 through 2011) for any of the following previously authorized uses: To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanor, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a Juvenile offender work/training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate at least \$37,431,874 in property tax revenue in 2002.

YES NO

PROPOSAL K
SPECIAL EDUCATION
MILLAGE PROPOSAL

[Does not apply to Lincoln Consolidated School System]

The following proposal asks voters to consider an additional 1.5 mills for mandated special education programs beginning in 2002. The current authorization of 2.00 mills, which the voters approved at 1.00 mill in 1974 with additional mill in 1988, has been rolled back to 1,8679 mills through application of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution. The funds would be restricted to supporting these mandated programs in Wayne County school districts and reduce the reliance on the districts' general funds for this purpose. Shall the limitation on the annual property tax rate previously approved by the electors of Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, for the education of persons with disabilities be increased by 1.50 mills (\$1.50 on each \$ 1,060 of taxable valuation)? The estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in calendar year 2002 is approximately \$59,360,000.

YES NO

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 3 OF THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT, PUBLIC ACT 62 OF 1933, AS AMENDED, BEING MCL 211.203
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 26, 2002, the total of all voted increases in excess of Constitutional fifteen mill tax limitation and the years such increases are effective areas follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit:

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
1. County of Wayne	08/08/2000	1 mill	2002 thru 2009
2. Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	08/06/1974 11/08/1988	1 mill 1 mill	2002 Indefinitely 2002 Indefinitely
3. Wayne County Parks	08/08/2000	.25 mills	2002 thru 2005
4. Wayne County Community College	11/03/1098	1 mill	2002 thru 2004
5. Charter Township of Van Buren	08/07/1990 08/04/1998	1 mill 6 mill 3 mill	Indefinitely 1990 thru 2009 1999 thru 2003
6. Van Buren Public Schools	10/01/1999	18 mills	2002 thru 2006
7. Lincoln Consolidated Schools	06/13/1998	18 mills	2002 thru 2013

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 6, 2002 Primary Election is Saturday, August 3, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Township Clerk's Office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Publish: July 25, 2002
August 1, 2002

Strawberry Festival helpers thanked

To the editor:

The 2002 Strawberry Festival is over. Although Mother Nature did not quite cooperate during the complete festival, she did bring some great weather. I think we can all agree, we had a record setting crowd that was active with vendors, crafters, amusement rides and the fabulous entertainment that took place at all locations. I am not speaking about Main Street only, but St. Anthony, Trinity, and Presbyterian areas as well. Lots of positive remarks and plenty of compliments came from all.

I believe one of the highlights enjoyed by many was the fantastic parade. Granted, we have a political year and the parade reflected that by being well represented by every candidate.

Special thanks for the success of the parade go to the Gibson family. Tony, Carla and all the Gibson members worked very hard and deserve particular thanks. Individual thanks should go to Dave Cushing who did a great job as MC for the parade. Next we had great entertainment at every location. Our hat must come off to Carla Gibson again as she was the downtown entertainment coordinator who went beyond all expectations to put on a great show for all to enjoy.

How can I pinpoint so many great things? Without every person performing so well, the Festival would not have been as outstanding as it was.

Let's start by saying thanks to Belleville, Belleville police and fire departments. The St. Anthony Youth Group that once again made our city sparkling clean. Thanks to our sponsors, vendors, crafters, entertainers, and many individuals.

Let's say thanks to Dan Martin, Darlene Wagner, Ken Clinton, all the CBC volunteers, Cinnamon Auto Parts (Anna and Steve Cinnamon), BBC Striders (Jim and Gretchen Ford), and all those marathon runners. Let us not forget the fantastic water ski team always putting on a great show when they perform year after year.

Many thanks must go to all the employees of Green Hills Landscape of Ypsilanti. They created, designed and built the beautiful and special water fountain and garden display just for the Strawberry Festival. The company was gracious enough to leave this won-

See **STRAWBERRY**, page A-12

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 2, 2002 in the City Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Absentee Ballots in the August 6, 2002 Primary Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: August 1, 2002

CITY OF INKSTER

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2002

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Inkster notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Inkster on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., at which time the following offices will be voted upon: Governor, United States Senate, Representative in Congress, State Senate, State Representative, County Executive, County Commissioner, Delegates to County Convention, I Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit, I Judge of District Court - 19th District, I Judge of District Court 35th District, I Judge of District Court 36th District and to vote on the following proposal:

PROPOSAL "J" - JAILS MILLAGE RENEWAL: To renew the millage authorized in 1998, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2001 rollback rate of .9432 mills (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2002 through 2011) for any of the following previously authorized uses: To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanor or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities and for adult penalty options such as a work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate at least \$37,431,874 in property tax revenue in 2002. **YES NO**

PROPOSAL "K" - SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL: The following proposal asks voters to consider an additional 1.5 mills for mandated special education programs beginning in 2002. The current authorization of 2.00 mills, which the voters approved at 1.00 mill in 1974 with an additional mill in 1988, has been rolled back to 1.8679 mills through application of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution. The funds would be restricted to supporting these mandated programs *in Wayne County school districts and reduce the reliance on the districts' general funds for this purpose. Shall the limitation on the annual property tax rate previously approved by the electors of Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, for the education of persons with disabilities be increased by 1.50 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation)? The estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in calendar year 2002 is approximately \$59,360,000. **YES NO**

PROPOSAL "S" - WAYNE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY MILLAGE PROPOSAL: If approved, this proposal shall increase to .6 mills, to be levied by the Wayne County Transit Authority in 2002, and allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation system serving the elderly, handicapped and general public of Wayne County. Shall the tax imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Transit Authority area which expired with the 2001 tax, be increased to 0.6 mill (60 cents per \$ 1,000 taxable value), for four (4) years, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, inclusive, for the purpose of making contributions in aid of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation ("SMART") and its purpose of serving the elderly, handicapped and general public in the County of Wayne? It is estimated that 0.6 mills would raise approximately \$13,856,498.00 when levied in 2002. **YES NO**

CITY OF INKSTER BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan (the "City"), borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000), payable in not to exceed ten (10) years from date of issue of each series, and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor in one or more series, for the purpose of providing funds to the City to pay all or part of the cost of the acquisition, construction and installation of improvements to certain streets and other related public infrastructure improvements in the City? The estimated millage to be levied in 2003 is 5.621 mills (\$5.62 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 5.628 mills (\$5.63 per \$1,000 of taxable value). **YES NO**

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as July 3, 2002, the total of all voted increases in excess of Constitutional fifteen mill tax limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit:

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2002 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Agency	August 6, 1974 November 8, 1988	1 mill 1 mill	2002 indefinitely 2002 indefinitely
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2000	.25 mills	2002 thru 2005
Wayne County Community College	November 3, 1998 November 6, 2001	1 mill 1.5 mills	2002 thru 2004 2002 thru 2004
City of Inkster School District	June 10, 2006	18 mills	2002 thru 2005 Inclusive
Taylor School District	March 23, 1998	18 mills	2002 thru 2003 Inclusive
Wayne-Westland School District	June 12, 1995	18 mills	2002 thru 2010 Inclusive
Westwood School District	June 8, 1998	18 mills	2002 thru 2014 Inclusive

POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS:

DISTRICT 1:

Precinct 1 - Baylor-Woodson Complex - 29115 Carlisle
Precinct 2 - Baylor-Woodson Complex - 29115 Carlisle

DISTRICT 2:

Precinct 1 - Recreation Complex (Gymnasium) - 2025 Middlebelt
Precinct 2 - Recreation Complex (Gymnasium) - 2025 Middlebelt
Precinct 3 - Chateau Cherry Hill - 213 Henry Ruff (*Residents Only*)

DISTRICT 3:

Precinct 1 - Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church - 3505 Walnut
Precinct 2 - Department of Public Service - 26900 Princeton
Precinct 3 - Demby Community Center - 4360 Hickory
Precinct 4 - F.L. Peterson Academy - 4000 Sylvia
Precinct 5 - Thompson Towers - 27727 Michigan Avenue (*Residents Only*)

DISTRICT 4:

Precinct 1 - Hicks School - 100 Helen
Precinct 2 - St. Norberts School - 27335 Woodsfield
Precinct 3 - St. Norberts Social Hall - 27335 Woodsfield

DISTRICT 5:

Precinct 1 - Pilgrims Travelers Missionary Baptist Church - 2945 John Daly
Precinct 2 - Tomlinson School - 25912 Annapolis

DISTRICT 6:

Precinct 1 - Twin Towers - 2000 Inkster Road
Precinct 2 - Daly School - 25824 Michigan Avenue

Mrs. Kimberly Turner
City Clerk

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Creative vote buying in Westland

The traditional method for politicians to try to buy votes is to promise, if elected, to award certain blocs of voters with programs that will favorably affect their pocket-books. Quite often the politicians know they cannot deliver on their promises, or in some cases have no real intention of doing so.

In the race for State Representative in the 18th District, one candidate has escalated political promises to include cash.

David Cox is challenging incumbent Glenn Anderson for the 18th District seat. His main campaign

theme is railing against the 35.8% increase in pay received by state representatives last year. In Anderson's case the amount of the raise was \$20,419. Although Anderson voted against accepting the raise, Cox castigates him for keeping the raise rather than donating the amount to charity, as some representatives have.

A number of representatives voted against the raise knowing it would go through anyway because the state senate was not going to take action. State law requires both the senate and house reject the raise by a 23 vote or the raise goes into effect automatically. (Cox's literature makes no mention of trying to change that procedure.)

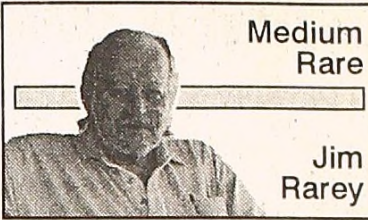
In his campaign literature (directed to "citizens", absentee voters and UAW members, Cox promises that, if he is elected, one lucky person in the district will win \$20,419 in a lottery style drawing. Cox says, "On November 1, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. on the front steps of Westland City Hall I will hold a drawing and one Westland citizen

will win the entire amount of that raise, \$20,419."

The only criteria to be eligible for the drawing were to be at least 18 years of age and have completed and returned the stub of a ticket (which absentee voters received in the mail). No tickets were available at Cox's headquarters at a kiosk in the Westland Mall when this writer visited it last Friday afternoon. In fact, no one was manning the booth.

Cox is a former school board member and chairman. He resigned that position when he was appointed to a seat on the Westland City Council. He later lost that seat when he was defeated by a substantial margin in a recall election. Cox also was an aide to former Romulus Mayor William Oakley. He lost that job when Oakley's reelection bid failed.

Cox obviously hoped his gambit would persuade a number of voters to back him in next week's primary election just to get a chance at the \$20,419 prize. However, there will be no drawing. Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan shut the raffle



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down presumably as being a violation of state election law. There has been no indication that Cox will be prosecuted.

But Cox's campaign literature, which has not been revised, still promises the drawing. Undoubtedly there will be a number of voters at the polls next week who still believe they might have a chance at the money if they vote for Cox.

Unfortunately, we live in an era where too many citizens are willing to sell their votes for politician's promises. It remains to be seen how many Westland voters will sell their votes for an illegal lottery ticket.

Jim Rarey can be reached at (734) 942-7667 or E-mail to jim-rarey@comcast.net.

Strawberry

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derful display in place for a period of time after the Festival for the community to enjoy.

Thanks should also be given to the Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department, the Van Buren Public Schools, the Van Buren Video Department, and the many individuals who volunteered so much support behind the scenes.

Lets not forget Louie Hamlett.

Louie is the one person who puts in hundreds of hours making sure that all the vendors, crafters and every complaint gets taken care of. Louie is a great guy to work with and never loses his professional image. He is one of the most appreciated people we have working with us.

Special thanks must go to Belleville resident Jearme Pentin-maki for the use of the lot at the corner of Third and Main streets for the Festival's main stage area.

Others who assisted in making

this year's festival a success were Marian Niner, who compiled the financial information for the committee; staff from P & P Dance Center, who helped coordinate the Prince and Princess Pageant, Angela Kermer, who helped coordinate the Queen Pageant; and the Festival committee members Harold 'Speed' Gant, Pat and Barb Dana, Harry Van Gelder, Diane Shew, and Sharon Pokerwinski.

And lastly, let's thank the business owners, the people, and every supporter who helped make the Festival a success.

Talk about support, how about the newspapers? Every single one giving the best in print to promote the Strawberry Festival. You are all to be commended for a job well done.

Oh my, whom did I forget? I am sure I will remember some individual or a group who I will wish I had said thanks. If I forgot you, you know we appreciate all you have done and I personally say, "thank you."

Everyone should give themselves a big strong pat on the back for a job well done. This thanks is on behalf of every member of the board of directors.

Don't forget next year. We start planning now, so send your comments to The Belleville National Strawberry Festival, 248 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111, or call 697-3137 and share your views and ideas.

See you next year!
Ralph Nodwell
Belleville National Strawberry Festival president

Sound Off

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munity. If people are so unhappy with Wayne, why don't they move? Or why don't they see what is really in Wayne and see Wayne is run without the political problems that one might see in Westland. Move or support the community, but quite making statements that are wrong.

Put a city logo on directors' cars or try to get the cars back next year

Who at Westland City Hall can explain why we still have vehicles on the road, paid for with taxpayer's money, and used by department big shots, yet the vehicles are not marked with the city logo? These are Westland cars, not the directors' personal wheels.

Are Chief Price, Chief Reddy, and others ashamed to drive in a vehicle with a city logo? Or is it, as any reasonable person would surmise, that a marked vehicle would highlight that the vehicles are for personal use.

No raises this year or next year. And the directors should make a real concession: give those fancy cars back

Calling Patterson! You're needed to take care of candidate Blackwell

I don't know about anyone else, but Mark Blackwell has created much trouble for the Wayne City Council that I don't know how he can expect anyone to take him seriously in his bid for state representative.

Month after month, I watch Blackwell give the council grief about trivial matters that most of us could care less about. His antics add an enormous time to the council's tasks.

If this guy doesn't get serious and leave our elected folks to do their work, I'm going to call Bruce Patterson to take care of him.

ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for housing occupancy applications will be received on August 5, 2002, in the office of the Romulus Housing Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan. Persons who require assistance or reasonable accommodations in completing an application may call the housing office to make special arrangements. For more information, please call area code (734) 729-5389. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Publish: August 1, 2002

City of Romulus NOTICE

Temporary Relocation of Precincts 7 and 11 from Mt. Pleasant School to BARTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Effective for the August 6, 2002 Primary Election **ONLY**, Precinct 7 and Precinct 11 will vote at Barth Elementary School, 38207 Barth Road, between Huron River Drive and Hannan Road.

Due to unexpected electrical problems at Mt. Pleasant School, all power to the building has been disconnected. It is not anticipated that repairs will be completed until after the August election. We have been assured Mt. Pleasant School will reopen before the November election and voting will resume at that location as usual.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: August 1, 2002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION CREATING A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF INKSTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

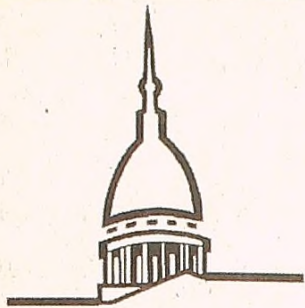
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing shall be held before the City Council of the City of Inkster, on the 28th, day of August 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex at 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, Michigan on the adoption of a proposed resolution creating a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of Inkster within which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Authority Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

At the hearing, all citizens, taxpayers and property owners of the City of Inkster and officials from any taxing jurisdiction whose millage may be subject to capture under any Brownfield plan that may be adopted with respect to an area or areas within the City shall have the right to be heard in regard to the establishment of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at (313) 563-3211.

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk

Publish: August 1, 2002
August 8, 2002



A Message to the Residents of Westland from Rep. Glenn Anderson

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in the Michigan House of Representatives as your State Representative for the last year and a half.

While it has been a difficult first term with the Governor making budget cuts in revenue sharing to all Michigan communities, it has been satisfying for me to have an impact on policy decisions. I believe we are making progress in numerous areas, including:

- 1 requiring warranties on road projects by construction companies
- 2 requiring background checks for nursing home applicants
- 3 instituting a 24/7 school violence hotline
- 4 working to expand Senior prescription drug coverage
- 5 introducing a package of bills to reform Insurance laws
- 6 requiring nursing homes to designate an 24/7 onsite patient care representative
- 7 preserved the \$6700 per pupil School Foundation Grant
- 8 increased max.unemployment benefits by 20.7% and much more.

I am proud of my record as State Representative, but I know there is much work yet to be done. I am optimistic that a new Governor will bring a new sense of purpose to state government and that a brighter future lies ahead for our state and community.

As to the current campaign I feel I must make a few comments. While my opponent has run a divisive and negative campaign of untruths, I have chosen to run a positive, issue-oriented campaign based on my record. It is impossible for me to respond to each of his baseless charges, but I will tell you that I have one of the best records in the entire House and he knows it. Unfortunately, when one has little to point to, that he as a candidate represents, he usually resorts to attacking the other candidate. Those of us who've observed Mr. Cox recognize this as his negative style of campaigning. That is not my style and I will not lower the level of my campaign to his.

I know most of the voters are aware of my record, as well as his, and I am happy to place the decision of the type of individual you want as your State Representative firmly in your hands. I trust character, honesty and integrity will once again win out over deception, distortion and gimmicks.

Thank you for your continued support and vote.

Sincerely,

Glenn S. Anderson

Re-Elect State Representative Glenn Anderson
Vote August 6, 2002 Democratic Primary

Paid for by Citizens for Glenn Anderson 34300 Parkgrove Dr. Westland, MI 458-1991

In The State Rep Race For Romulus,
Only ONE Candidate Has:

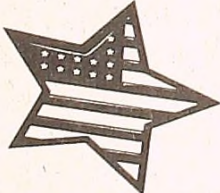
*Made Romulus His Home During The Campaign

*Promised To Return Airport Monies To Romulus

*Vowed To Stop The Stealing of Land From Romulus

*Pledged To Get Romulus Its Fair Share From Lansing

On August 6Th The Choice For
State Rep Could Not Be More Clear..
Chris Dolson For State Rep



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NOTICE
CITY OF ROMULUS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE
CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Primary Election will be held in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 from 7 o'clock a.m. in the forenoon until 8 O'CLOCK p.m. in the evening, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for the following offices:

Governor	County Executive
United States Senator	County Commissioner
Representative in Congress	Delegates to County Convention
State Senator	Judge of Circuit Court
State Representative	Judge of District Court

and the following State proposals:

Proposal 02-1
A Proposal to Amend the Provision of the State Constitution Governing the Operation of the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC)

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Add Attorney General and Secretary of State to list of state officials whose salaries and expense allowances are determined by the SOCC. The list currently includes the State Legislature, Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Supreme Court justices.

Require the legislature to approve by majority vote any salary and expense allowance determinations proposed by the SOCC before determinations go into effect. Currently, the SOCC's determinations go into effect unless rejected by a 2/3 vote of legislature.

Allow legislature to reduce compensation increases proposed by the SOCC.

Provide that the SOCC's salary and expense determinations would take effect after the next general election.

Should this proposal be adopted?
Yes _____ No _____

Proposal 02-2
A Proposal to Allow Certain Permanent and Endowment Funds to be Invested as Provided by Law and Increase Allowed Spending for State Parks, Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Allow certain permanent and endowment funds, including Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Parks Endowment Fund and Veterans Trust Fund, to be invested as provided by law, eliminating prior restriction on investing in stocks.

Increase Natural Resources Trust Fund cap on assets from \$400 million to \$500 million.

Allow the Natural Resources Trust Fund to continue to annually expend up to 33 1/3% of Fund royalties or other revenues, up to a new asset cap of \$500 million.

Increase allowed State Parks Endowment Fund spending to include interest and earnings and up to 50% of fund received from Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Should this proposal be adopted?
Yes _____ No _____

and the following County proposals:

Proposal J
Jails Millage Renewal

To renew the millage authorized in 1998, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2001 rollback rate of .9432 (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2002 through 2011) for any of the following previous authorized uses:

To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanor, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate at least \$37,431,874.00 in property tax revenue in 2002.

Yes _____ No _____

Proposal K
Special Education Millage Proposal

The following proposal asks voters to consider an additional 1.5 mills for mandated special education programs beginning in 2002. The current authorization of 2.00 mills, which the voters approved at 1.00 mill in 1974 with an additional mill in 1988, has been rolled back to 1.8679 mills through application of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution. The funds would be restricted to supporting these mandated programs in Wayne County school districts and reduce the reliance on the districts' general funds for this purpose.

Shall the limitation on the annual property tax rate previously approved by the electors of Wayne county Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, for the education of persons with disabilities be increased by 1.50 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation)? The estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in calendar year 2002 is approximately \$59,360.00.

Yes _____ No _____

Proposal S
Wayne County Transit Authority Millage Proposal

If approved, this proposal shall increase to 0.6 mills, to be levied by the Wayne county Transit Authority in 2002, and allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation system serving the elderly, handicapped, and general public of Wayne County.

Shall the tax imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Transit Authority area which expired with the 2001 tax, be increased to 0.6 mill (60 cents per \$1,000 taxable value), for four (4) years, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005, inclusive, for the purpose of making contributions in aid of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation ("SMART") and its purpose of serving the elderly, handicapped and general public in the County of Wayne? It is estimated that 0.6 mills would raise approximately \$13,856,498.00 when levied in 2002.

Yes _____ No _____

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 3 OF THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT, PUBLIC ACT 62 OF 1933, AS AMENDED, BEING MCL 211.203 Amending the Property tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, County Treasurer of the County of Wayne, State of Michigan that as of June 26, 2002, the total of all voted increases in excess of Constitutional fifteen mill tax limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property in the City of Romulus.

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2002 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2002 indefinitely
	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2002 indefinitely
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2000	.25 mills	2002 thru 2005
Wayne County Community College	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2002 thru 2004
City of Romulus			
Homestead	September 27, 1999	16.63 mills	2002 thru 2010
Non-Homestead	September 27, 1999	18.00 mills	2002 thru 2011
Wayne-Westland Community	June 12, 1995	18.00 mills	2002 thru 2010 inclusive
Woodhaven School District	September 18, 1995	18.00 mills	2002 thru 2005

Signed: /s/Raymond J. Wojtowicz
Raymond J. Wojtowicz
Wayne County Treasurer

EACH PERSON VOTING MUST BE:

(a) A citizen of the United States of America eighteen (18) years of age or older; (b) A registered elector of the City of Romulus.

The Places of Voting Will Be:

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1	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, MI
2	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI
3	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
4	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
5	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
6	Rudgate Community Center, 7040 Shawnee Drive, Romulus, MI
7	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior Road, Romulus, MI
8	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
9	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, MI
10	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, MI
11	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior Road, Romulus, MI
12	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
13	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
14	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, MI
15	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, MI
16	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI
17	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, MI
18	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI

Public notice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Golfers tee-off for city titles on Saturday

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

An unusually small but seasoned group of amateur golfers will tee off Saturday in their quests of winning a city title in the 2002 City Championships.

The championships will be decided at Gateway Golf Club on Van Born and Venoy Road in the City of Romulus. The first round will be held on Saturday (Aug. 3) and the finals staged the following day, Aug. 4.

As of Tuesday, there were 38

Shotgun start hole assignment

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Here are the hole assignments for golfers who are competing in the 2002 City Championship Golf Tournament to be staged Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3-3, at Gateway Golf Course in Romulus. The Shotgun Start is 1:30 p.m.

Hole 6-A
John Gabossi (C)
Keith Kiesznowski (W)
Tim Greenwood (Open)
Sky McBeth (Open)

Hole 6-B
Mark Morton (WL)
Bob Selberg (C)
Eric Spencer (C)
Rick Morga (WL)

Hole 5-A
Ken Eck (C)
Woody Breish (C)
Paul Massimilla (C)
Steve Bullock (C)

Hole 5-B
Ray Lanczki (WL)
John Fargo (WL)
Tim Phillips (WL)
Steve Berry (WL)

Hole 4-A
Scott Jones (W)
Bill Hawley (W)
Greg Baracy (W)
Ted Salvadori (W)

Hole 4-B
Jim Regulski (WL)
Al Spencer (WL)
Kevin Baracy (WL)
Bill Armstrong (O)

Hole 3-B
Tom Gibbons (WL)
Chris Kiesznowski (WL)

Hole 2-A
Robert Becker (O)
Peter Beddler (O)
Rudy Rosas (O)
John Sobczak (O)

Hole 2-B
Larry Wilson (W)
Terry Castillo (WL)
Ivan Jimenez (W)
Ken Lamb (W)

Hole 1-A
Renee Gibbons (O)
Darlene Hawley (O)
Virg Sexton (O)

Hole 1-B
Karen Blackney (O)
Cindy Youmans (O)

Hole 3-A
Kevin Steeland (O)
Greg Gilha (O)
Ed Wolfe (O)
Craig Kiesznowski (O)

2002 City Championship
Golf Tournament

Men's Wayne Division
Championship Flight
First Flight

Champs back to defend their crowns

men and five women registered to play in the two-day tournament hosted by the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department.

In that motley group are Sky McBeth, the defending champ, and Keith Kiesznowski, who captured the City of Wayne championship and with the city's title went the Lenny Anderson Memorial Trophy. The trophy is offered by the Wayne Police Department

in memory of one of their own who was slain responding to a domestic violence call.

McBeth put together rounds of 74 and 71 for a total 145 for the 36-hole tournament to win the overall championship a year ago, while Kiesznowski, who was one stroke behind the leader after the first day, saw his game dissipate in the final round when he carded an 85.

Fans should also keep their

eyes on always dangerous Mark Morton. The Westland golfer has won three titles over the past four decades of the summer classic Others to watch are Bill Hawley, the longtime Wayne Memorial Athletic Director, now retired, and Bob Selberg, of Canton Township who has competed in more than 20 of the past tournaments.

Defending Canton Township champ, John Gabossi, and the de-

fending women's division medalist, Karen Blackney, also are returning to defend their titles.

"We have a good list of competitors back again this year, so we look forward to a very exciting tournament," said Jeff Rutter, assistant Wayne Parks and Recreation Director who also serves as the tournament director.

Rutter also said that Gateway presents a unique challenge to the

competitors because it is a new golf course that needs to be tamed.

"Most of our golfers are looking forward to playing at Gateway," Rutter added.

Golfers who finish among the top three in each of their flights will be awarded a trophy. There is a trophy awarded to the medalist of the overall tournament. Also, those who finish among the top five in the championship flight may qualify to represent their city in the Michigan Parks and Recreation state finals.



Troy's Sky McBeth (at left) will place his title and his smiles on the line at the 2002 City Championships which will be staged Aug. 3 and Aug. 4 at the Gateway Golf Club in Romulus. Also back to defend the City of Wayne's honor and the Len Anderson Trophy is Keith Kiesznowski, (photo at right) who last year was in the running after 18-holes for the overall medalist honor, but his game fell apart in the finals. He recovered in time to salvage the Wayne championship. A small but sharp and experienced group of golfers is scheduled to play in the two-day tournament that decides the city titles of Westland, Wayne, and Canton Township.



Keith Kiesznowski
Ted Salvadori
Bill Hawley
Ken Lamb
Ivan Jimenez
Greg Baracy
Scott Jones
Larry Wilson

Men's Canton Division
Championship Flight
First Flight
Bob Selberg
Woody Breish
John Gabossi
Steve Bullock
Paul Massimilla
Ken Eck
Eric Spencer

Senior Division
Championship Flight
(Others may be added)

Larry Wilson
Bill Hawley
Terry Castillo
Steve Bullock
Ivan Jimenez
Plus Overall Men's Champion
Trophy

Men's Westland Division
Championship Flight
Second Flight
Mark Morton
Ray Lanczki
Tim Phillips
John Fargo
Tom Gibbons
Jim Regulski
Alan Spencer
Rick Morga
Chris Kiesznowski
Terry Castillo
Kevin Baracy
Steve Berry

Men's Open Division
Championship Flight
First Flight
John Sobczak
Kevin Steeland
Craig Kiesznowski
Robert Bedder
Peter Bedder
Rudy Rosas
Greg Gilha
Edward Wolfe
Bill Armstrong
Sky McBeth
Tim Greenwood

Women's Open Division
Championship Flight

Virg Sexton
Karen Blackney
Darlene Hawley
Renee Gibbons
Cindy Youman
Plus Overall Women's Champion
Trophy

Twisters twirl 62-0 victory over Cougars

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Twisters showed the Motor City Cougars on Saturday why they are ranked No. 9 nationally in the "AA" semiprofessional football conference rankings.

Coach Glenn Brothers' undefeated ball club clubbed the Cougars in to submission, 61-0, for their third consecutive victory of the young season.

"We just outplayed them in each and every category," said a smiling Brothers, who is seeing "repeat" written all of the scorecards these days. "The coaching staff is just proud of these guys. They're dedicated to what they are doing, and they have respect on and off the field."

From the opening kickoff, it was once again all Twisters as they put 27 points on the scoreboard in the opening quarter. They scored in all of the four quarters. Twisters' running backs visited the Cougar end zone on nine separate occasions at Lutheran East High School.

It was the first - and most humiliating defeat of the season for the Motor City Cougars.

On the offensive side of the ball, Twister backs rolled up a total of 314 yards on 25 carries while scoring seven touchdowns. Jason Gibson led the way with six carries for 116 yards and two TDs, while Jaquan Wright tallied three touchdowns in the first quarter on runs of 2, 24, and 17 yards.

In total, Jaquan carried the ball six times and amassed 93 yards. Rookie Surli Kelly-Powell scored his first TD of the current campaign as he raced 14 yards to paydirt. Again, in the fourth period, Surli proved his first TD was no fluke as he came through with a repeat performance, picking his way over and around Cougar defenders while scoring his second of the game from 20-yards out.

Matt Koskie, another first-year performer, also saw action on both sides of the ball. Defensively, Matt demonstrated superior speed and agility as he recorded a key sack, forcing the Cougars into a punting situation in the third period.

Later in the final period, Koskie kept a Twister drive deep into Cougar territory alive as he carried two would-be tacklers six yards on his back for a first down.

Pat Gibson chipped in on the scoring as he booted seven of nine point-after.

The Twisters' defense totally destroyed the Cougars' offense as they held their opponent's running game to 49 yards on 33 attempts and allowed just 18 yards passing on a 3-of-13 effort. The Twisters' defensive

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**-Coach
Glenn Brothers**

wrecking crew was led by its outstanding linebackers and down linemen. Brian Wright was outstanding as he recorded four first hits, a solo, 11 assists and caused a fumble which was recovered by the Twisters.

Chuck Lauber and Aaron Brothers accounted for seven first hits, 19 assists and caused two fumbles, one of which was scooped up by Craig Curry, who raced 30 yards into the Cougar end zone for his season's first TD. Percy Wright and Richardson Lacy also turned in superb performances on defense.

Percy collected one solo and five assists, while Lacy had two first hits, four assists and recovered a fumble that set up a Twister scoring drive.

"Fortunately, this game provided us the opportunity to get a good look at the skills each rookie member brings to the team under actual game conditions," said Brothers. Player competition is very sharp and as of now, there are some key moves being considered which we believe will improve our overall team performance.

"Both myself and coach Brown are extremely pleased with the way the rookies and veterans are coming together as a total team."

The Twisters will seek win No. 4 on the home turf.

On Saturday, Aug. 31, the Twisters will host cross state rivals, the Southern Michigan Storm, in a game that will begin at 7 p.m. at Willow Run Devlin Stadium.

Concession is provided by the Willow Run Boosters' Club.

Admission for adults is \$5; students 18 and under \$2; and for seniors 60 and older, it is free.

Siggia picked to coach soccer at Romulus

Ex-WMU star to build boys, girls' programs

Romulus has found a rare athletic-scholar to coach and build its high school boys and girls soccer programs.

That rare talent is Angela Siggia, a former Western Michigan University star who graduated from the Livonia School District.

"We're very pleased to have Angela Siggia join our staff," said Jesse Meriweather, Romulus's High athletic director. "She will be the new head coach for both the boys and girls soccer teams."

Meriweather said that the new coach has outstanding credentials and will be an asset to the school district.

"Angela comes from an exten-

sive competitive soccer background and we look forward to good things in the future from our soccer programs."

Siggia is a graduate of Kalamazoo-based Western Michigan University and has also been recently employed by the Romulus School District as a high school science teacher. Her major is biology, and she has compiled an outstanding educational resume in this field, including a specialized biological project in Belize and teaching at Kalamazoo Millwood Middle School and Romu-

lus last fall.

Siggia said she is elated that she has been given the opportunity to coach both boys and girls' soccer. She is looking forward to the challenge.

The Eagles will again be competing in the three-tier Mega Conference, but school officials say that they are not sure which of the three - Red, White or Blue - Romulus's soccer teams will be assigned.

Siggia's competitive soccer experience dates back to club teams in the highly-competitive

Livonia soccer program. She was an outstanding player at the club level in Livonia and starred on the Livonia travel soccer team that captured three state championships.

As a member of the state-winning team she also traveled to regional invitationals in Missouri, South Dakota and Kentucky.

Siggia also was an accomplished volleyball player with her high school team.

Siggia does have some knowledge of the Romulus soccer pro-

gram. She has served as an assistant coach last year, but she is looking forward to working with this year's teams.

"I would like to see and am encouraging more boys to come out for the team," said the new coach.

Siggia has set Monday, Aug. 12, as the first practice date. It will be held at the senior high school.

Students who plan to tryout for the team are urged to contact Siggia or call the Romulus High Athletic Department.



Angela Siggia

The Sports Beat

Here's what is happening on the Sports Beat this week:

What's in a name?

When your name is Marv Liberty and you're an outstanding softball player and your performance on the playing field earns you a spot on a prestigious all-tournament team, you would think your name would appear in print correctly, right?

Wrong.

Marv Liberty - that's Marv Liberty - was named by the team managers to the 2002 All-Leonard J. Anderson Memorial Team last week after his team, Sequel, finished among the top of the field. Unfortunately, Marv's name was inadvertently misspelled. We regret the error and the inconvenience it may have caused.

Two other members of Marv Liberty's team also were named to the all-tournament team. They are Dave Jacks and Dave Balantine. Moving right along.

Triathlon winners announced

Belleville's Parks and Recreation Department last week hosted its Sixth Annual Triathlon at Belleville High School Track. Among the skills tested include the 100-yard dash, long jump, and shot put.

The first-place winner in the 11 to 13 age category is Jesse Johnson. There was a tie for second place between Lindsay Williams and Stacy Porzonder.

In the 8 to 10 age group, the winner was Pearl Enriquez, while the runner-up and third place winners were Sean Drishel and Eric Porzonder.

Other winners included Scott Fleming (5-7) and the runner-up was Jasmine Wehr. Randy Wehr was the top performer in the 3 to 4 group and Cole Fleming finished second.

Belleville coach to retire

And here's a note from Sam Vicchy, a coaching icon at Belleville High School where he led the Tigers to many conference swimming championships.

"I would like to take a moment to let the readers know that an outstanding coach-person has decided to retire after 31 years of teaching and coaching in the Van Buren School system.

Frank Musser has been an outstanding educator and coach since 1971 and has meant so much to the Belleville community and the area.

"I had the honor to have coached with Frank for 15 years as the Belleville High swimming coach. During that time I have

known Coach Musser to be a man of the highest principles. Frank has given of himself as a coach/educator and was a father figure to so many young swimmers, divers, wrestlers and students during these past three decades."

Musser also is credited with the development of BHS's only All-American diver in 1972. That diver, most will remember, is Barry Susterka. Barry is also one of our better teachers in the BHS system and has developed swimming and wrestling programs at North Middle School who were noted as some of the best in the State of Michigan.

"Frank Musser is one of a kind, and I am very thankful that he was a part of my life and in the life of this community."

Indeed, Coach Musser was an exceptional coach and person. The MCN staff also wishes him well in his retirement.

The Romulus-EMU grid connection

EMU has tickets for half-price for anyone who wears clothing that says "Romulus" on opening football day of the EMU season. That day, Saturday, Sept. 7, has been designated as Romulus Community Day.

Cost of tickets are \$6 for reserved seats; \$5 for general admission and \$3 for children 12 and under.

der.

Matt Lucas, associate athletic director of External Affairs at Eastern Michigan, notes that last year's "Romulus Day" was so successful that Romulus and EMU officials decided to do it again.

Hockey teams pay attention

A "Summer Meltdown" in line hockey tournament will be staged on Aug. 9 through Aug. 11 at the Canton Township Michigan Dekhockey Center.

The tournament, sponsored by Little Bill's Trophies, is in need of teams in the following Age Division: 8-10; 11-12; 13-14; 17-19.

James Gorney, tournament director, says that all teams will be guaranteed a minimum of three games. Team and individual trophies will be awarded to divisional winners, and there also will be a team trophy for the runner-up team.

For further information, contact Gorney at 734-812-7007.

Time for Sports Schedules

In the middle of summer and the baseball season, who would be thinking football? Would you believe high school football coaches are. Classes resume in

most school districts on Aug. 21 and the 2002 high school football season begins that week to accommodate an expanded football playoff format.

To help MCN staffers prepare for the upcoming season, we're asking local high school athletic directors to fax their schedules to our offices. Would you believe newly-appointed Wayne Memorial AD, Dewie Cole, has already dropped off the Zebras' schedule.

The MCN Fax number is 734-729-6088; you can reach the MCN offices by dialing 734-729-4000 for more information if you need to.

Legends ready for campers

Although Fred Smiley, one of the finest ball players to wear a Viking uniform at Inkster High, said that he and his staff are putting the final touches to the fifth annual Inkster Legends Basketball Camp, the All-American who played for Midland's Northwood University said he won't reveal the names of the player-instructors who will help this year.

In the past he had members of the present Harlem Globetrotters and former NBA stars help out. Usually there are more than 300 campers who attend the annual hoops affair.

The camp will be staged Aug.

2-3, from 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Booker T. Dozier Parks and Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road.

Children between the ages of 8 to 15 are invited to participate, but they must have parental or guardian consent.

Best bet to enroll at this late date is to contact Parks and Recreation employees to find out whether there is still space available.

Tennis Classes are available

The City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for tennis classes. The classes will be conducted through Aug. 2 on the municipal courts.

For fees and class times please contact the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department by dialing 734-721-7400.

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'Sports Beat' is compiled and written by MCN Staff Writer Tom Mooradian. To submit information for publication in this column please contact Mooradian during regular business hours, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by dialing 734-729-4000.

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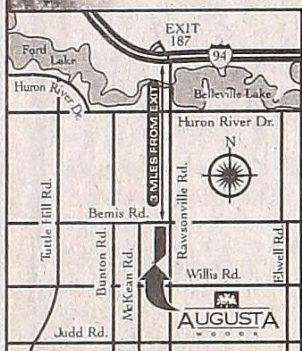
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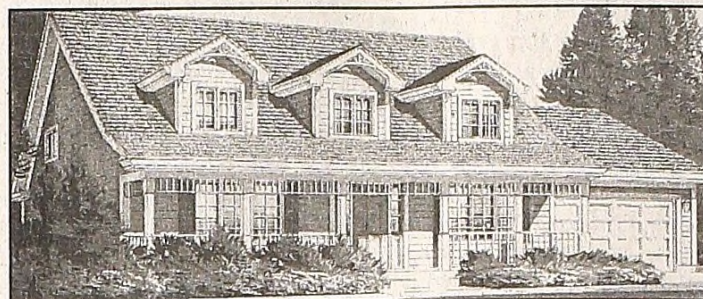
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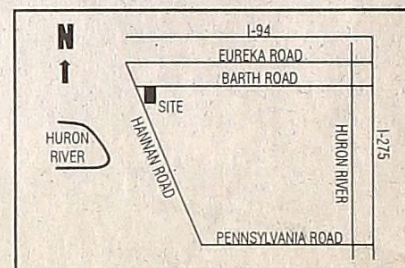
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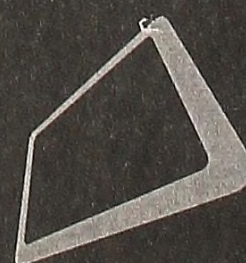
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